

Marriage Questionnaire April 14, 2019

1. Communication in marriage is critical. Many people use their mouths for destructive purposes. How can you use your mouth to build your marriage ?
2. Successful marriages start with _____ mindsets.
3. Consider 5 reasons we are here on earth:
 - i. To glorify God
 - ii. To populate the Kingdom of God
 - iii. To preach the Kingdom of God
 - iv. To be witnesses
 - v. To be stewards of God

How can your marriage help you do each of these things ?

4. Look at all of the terminology in the Bible that deal with marriage: husbandman, wives, brides, bridegrooms, marriage, divorce(ment), adultery, man, woman, male, female, virginity, love, betroth(al), unity, joined, nakedness, sex, “went in unto,” sexual immorality, etc., These all give us counsel on marriage. If you want to have an effective, productive, fulfilling, glorifying marriage, then you will need to seek all of God’s counsel in these areas. Find some Scriptures using these words and see how they apply to marriage.
5. Successful marriages start with successful mindsets !
6. A relationship is a connection. What is the nature of the connection in a marital relationship and how is it different than other kinds of relationships ?
7. A wedding is a ritual and festival which celebrates the establishment of a marriage. The wedding has many elements which are significant (spiritually). It is an earthly institution which represents a spiritual _____.
8. Think of how the church is an institution that illustrates marriage !



9. Marriage changes your personal dynamics. You are now included in the dynamics of a new family. The impact of being a part of a new family: traditions, values expanded, influence upon one another, becoming a son or daughter, new expectations, sharing life and space. Each of these is a source of potential conflict. What proactive solutions can you think of ?
10. We've lost fundamental pursuit of purpose in life in favor of seeking pleasure. A part of you must desire marriage, not because you desire to be with another person, but because you desire to be in partnership with God to pursue His purpose: evangelizing the world and building the kingdom. Why would you say you are seeking to be married ?
11. God's promise to feed you during the harvest (see Ruth 2:15, Deuteronomy 25:4) is where the joy of marriage comes in. Enjoy working for the Master. When it doesn't exist, we need to seek God for correction. Why do you think we make our happiness dependent solely upon our marital partners ?
12. How does marriage benefit a man (Prov 18:22)?
13. How does marriage benefit a woman (Eph 5:25)?
14. The man is the God representative in the marital relationship and the woman is the church representative in the marital relationship. How can the story of the church be applied to a marriage relationship ?
15. So then... what are the roles of woman ? They are the roles of the church. To study the woman is to study the church. To understand the woman is to understand the church. How then do we characterize roles of the man ?
16. Marriage is one way you choose to tell the story of redemption. It is redemptive. That's why it's under fire. When people see your marriage, they should see a foretaste of heaven. That's where the fun and fellowship come in. God wants you to enjoy your marriage like you will enjoy heaven. So to understand heaven is to understand what the marriage should look like. It is a picture. A redemptive picture with a destination called heaven. How will yours be ?

17. Male/Female sexuality is under fire in our culture. Sex ultimately has to do with marriage. Because marriage illustrates the church - God's instrument of salvation to the earth. Why do you think that sexuality is under such fire then ?
18. It is significant that man (the head - leader) needs help ! Remember, the Spirit of God is called the Helper (John 14:26). This signifies the nature of the woman's role - facilitation of the plans of God. Whose role would you say is more important ?
19. 3 greatest challenges in marriage - communication, money, sex. What does that mean? It means that these are the most typical areas of vulnerability and therefore attack. Know that. Watch for that.
20. Describe your relationship with God and you will better understand what your marriage will be. God wants a relationship with you - one in which you trust and submit to Him and worship Him. He wants to bless you and provide for your every need. The marriage should mimic these qualities in our relationship with God. Where do we fall short ?