

Agenda for Pre-Marital Counseling

Session # 1

Getting to Know You

Questions

Dates...

Policy

Communiqué, responsibilities,

Pre-Marital «Stuff»

How did you meet and other questions

Teach

Genesis 2:24

Read

Pre-engagement 5 Questions

Christian living in the Home (CLH), Chapter 1, 2, 4.

Memorize Genesis 2:24

Bring list of 5 greatest attributes and 5 greatest weaknesses.

Session # 2 Husband's Role

Go over Homework Session #1

Teach

Learner, 1 Peter 3:7

Lover, Eph 5:25-33

Leader, Matthew 20:25-28

Emphasize Personal Responsibility, not the other's failure.

Read

CLH, chapter 7, Underline 7 most important sentences and be ready to discuss.

Read Introduction, Chapter 1 & 2 in *Family Finance Workbook*. Fill out all the questions and forms

Learn 10 things (all must be of a non-sexual nature) about your future wife that you did not know. Write down answers and bring with you next time. Do something about what you learned, keep record.

Express Love to her in sacrificial ways,

Keep record of at least one time a week (seek to do more) you sacrifice for her above and beyond what you already do. Bring list with you.

Seek to be a servant (leader) to people around you. Keep a record of at least three times a week you set aside your priorities and serve others with nothing expected in return.

Memorize Eph 5:25 and review Gen 2:24, be ready to quote both.

Session # 3, Wife's Role

Go over Homework from Session # 2

Teach

Finisher, Genesis 2:19-23; 1 Cor 11:8-9

Follower, Eph 5:22-24

Fan, Eph 5:33

Emphasize Personal Responsibility, not the other's failure.

Read/Homework

CLH, Chapter 6, Underline 8 most important sentences and be ready to discuss.

Read chapter 3 and 4 in *Family Finance Workbook*. Fill out all the questions and forms

At least once a week keep a record where you *joyfully* do what your future husband says (unless to do so would be sin) without argument or ill spirit.

Consider strongly the implications of Gen 2:19-23 and 1 Cor 11:8-9. Ask your future husband what vocational goals he has, what spiritual goals he has, what educational goals he has, ask what he fears, ask what makes him the happiest or most fulfilled in life, what are his hobbies spare time interests? Write down

those answers and then write down a Brief answer to the question: How do I see myself completing, helping, and assisting in those areas?

Encourage future husband at least once each time you see him or communicate with him. Keep a record of what you do, bring it with you next time.

Memorize Ephesians 5:22, review Eph 5:25 and Gen 2:24 and be ready to quote them next time.

Read “Pre-Engagement” question # 2, pp 35-37. You need not answer questions.

Session # 4 Four Rules of Communication

Review Homework from last Session

Teach four rules, Eph 4:25-32.

Teach Conference Time, Calendar time, and Date time.

Homework

Read chapter 5 - 6 in *Family Finance Workbook*. Fill out all the questions and forms

Read CHL, chapter 3 and underline the five most important ideas you find and be ready to discuss.

List 5 problems and disagreements you have had in the past together on paper.

Discuss how you dealt with them, write a sentence about each.

List 3 problems you now face and discuss these problems using the four rules of communication and conference table. If you can't think of three problems, go back and use one from the past above.

Write down your solutions after you've used this method. Bring data with you next time.

Memorize Eph 4:29, 32. Be ready to quote it next time along with Ephesians 5:22, Eph 5:25 and Gen 2:24 and be ready to quote them next time.

Memorize and be ready for quiz on “Four Rules”

Session # 5, Finances

Go over homework from lesson # 4

Will the wife work? How often?

Do work from Burkett

Homework

Read *Biblical Principles of Sex*, Robert D. Smith, Timeless Texts, 2003, ISBN 1889032395. Be ready to discuss the most significant concept in each chapter.

Session # 6 Sexual Intimacy

1 Cor 7 issues, plus stuff from NANC

Homework

Discuss how many children

Discuss birth control

Read Chapter 8 in CHL.

Read through vows and come up with schedule

Read chapter 7 -8 in *Family Finance Workbook*. Be ready to discuss next time.

Session # 7

The details of the wedding

Vows, etc. Etc.

Punch List