

Marriage Readiness Guide

Part 1 - Spiritual Foundation

Healthy marriages require a strong spiritual foundation. Each person should reflect individually:

1. What role does Christ play in my daily life?
2. How am I currently growing spiritually?
3. How do I handle seasons of doubt or struggle in my faith?
4. What spiritual disciplines are important in my life?

Discuss together:

1. Do we share the same core beliefs about faith?
2. How important is church involvement in our lives?
3. How do we envision leading a future family spiritually?

Part 2 - Character and Maturity

Marriage requires more than attraction. Reflect individually:

1. What character traits do I admire in this person?
2. How do they respond to stress, disappointment, or conflict?
3. How do they treat people who cannot benefit them?
4. Do they demonstrate humility and teachability?

Discuss together:

1. How do we typically handle disagreements?
2. Do we resolve conflict respectfully?
3. Are we willing to apologize and forgive?

Part 3 - Life Direction

Marriage unites two lives, not just two people. Discuss:

1. What calling or purpose do we believe God has placed on our lives?
2. How do our goals align or differ?
3. Where do we feel God may be leading us in the future?
4. Are we willing to support each other's calling?

Part 4 - Practical Readiness

Discuss honestly:

1. Are we prepared for the responsibilities of marriage?
2. How do we approach finances, stewardship, and generosity?
3. What expectations do we have for work, family life, and responsibilities?
4. Are there areas where we need further growth before marriage?

Part 5 - Seeking Wisdom

No couple should discern marriage alone. Discuss:

1. Have we sought counsel from pastors, mentors, or mature believers?
2. What feedback have they given about our relationship?
3. Are there concerns others have raised that we should take seriously?

Write the names of mentors you will seek counsel from.

Final Reflection

Each person should answer privately:

1. Do I believe this relationship is moving toward marriage?
2. What excites me about that possibility?
3. What concerns do I still have?
4. What steps should we take next to continue discerning God's direction?