

Pre-Marriage Counseling

Bride: _____ Groom: _____

Wedding date: _____

Counsel Dates: _____, _____, _____, _____

1. Watch and Discuss Jimmy Evans 'The Four Foundational Laws of Marriage'

<https://youtu.be/m-hlloeSd2U>

2. Discuss the following topics together. Discuss one topic each time you meet, once a week is a good pace, and will take 8 weeks. Highlight any areas you wish to discuss at our next meeting.

Church And Spiritual Life

- How often will we go to church?
- How involved will we be? Will we attend a small group? Will we volunteer?
- Will you have family devotions? Who will lead them?
- Will you pray together as a couple?
- How will you decide which church to attend? What denomination church will you attend?

The Role Of Husband And Wife

- What do you believe is the role of the husband and the wife?
- What does the husbands leadership look like?
- What does it mean for the wife to submit?
- How will you make decisions as a couple when you disagree?
- What is considered abusive in the relationship?

Money And Budgeting

- Is it ok for Christians to have prenuptial agreements?
- Should you have joint accounts or separate accounts?
- Who will be in charge of paying the bills?
- What are your views on debt?
- What are your financial goals?

Raising Children

- How many children do we want?
- What will be our parenting style? Authoritarian, permissive, authoritative, free-range, etc?
- How will we discipline our children?
- What kinds of extra-curricular activities do you want your children be involved in?
- What kind of education will they have? Homeschool, public school, private school?

Chores And Household Responsibilities

- How will we divide responsibilities?
- What chores will the husband be primarily responsible for?
- What chores will the wife be primarily responsible for?
- How often will chores be done?

Sex And Romance

- How often will we have sex?
- What forms of sexual activity are acceptable? What is off limits?
- How will we maintain closeness as a couple over the years?
- Will we have regular date nights? How often?

Career

- Will both partners work or just one?
- Who will be the primary breadwinner?
- Will the wife stay at home with the children? Or have a career outside of the home?
- What is an acceptable work schedule?
- What kind of job opportunities would not be acceptable? Would you be willing to relocate? What if the job requires abnormally long hours? What if the husband will travel regularly?

Relationships And In-Laws

- What kind of relationships will we have outside of marriage?
- How will we relate to people of the opposite sex after we are married?
- How often will we see our in-laws?
- How should your relationship with your parents change after married? How should it stay the same?
- How will you maintain appropriate boundaries with your in-laws?