

# Before you say “I do”

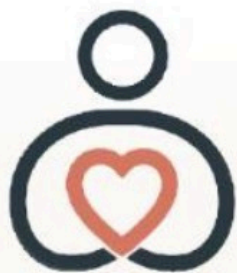
## 20 Premarital Counselling Questions for a Stronger, More Connected Marriage

### Welcome

Why premarital counseling matters:

- **Laying the Foundation:** Premarital counseling helps couples establish a solid foundation for their marriage by addressing potential challenges and fostering open communication.
- **Understanding Expectations:** It provides a platform to discuss expectations, values, and beliefs, ensuring both partners are on the same page.
- **Conflict Resolution:** Couples learn healthy conflict resolution strategies, enabling them to navigate disagreements constructively.
- **Strengthening Bonds:** Premarital counseling enhances emotional intimacy and strengthens the bond between partners.
- **Preventing Issues:** By addressing potential issues early on, couples can prevent misunderstandings and conflicts from escalating in the future.

HeartSpace is here to support your journey to a strong and connected marriage.



# HeartSpace

Be Heard Feel Understood

### How to Use This Guide ...

This guide is designed to facilitate meaningful conversations between you and your partner. Each section focuses on a critical aspect of marriage. Take your time, be honest, and listen actively. Write down your thoughts and feelings. Refer back to this booklet as you navigate your journey together.

# Shared Meaning & Trust



## 1. What are your core values, and how do they align?

*Why it matters:* Understanding each other's values helps you build a shared foundation for decision-making and navigating life together.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What principles guide your actions and choices? Where do your values overlap, and where do they differ?

*Your Answers:*

## 2. How do you define trust in a relationship, and what actions build or break it?

*Why it matters:* Trust is the bedrock of a strong marriage. Discussing what trust means to each of you ensures mutual understanding and accountability.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What behaviors make you feel secure and trusting? What actions erode your trust in a partner?

*Your Answers:*

## 3. What are your expectations for emotional support, and how can you best provide it to each other?

*Why it matters:* Knowing how to support each other emotionally strengthens your bond and helps you navigate challenges as a team.

*Reflection Prompts:*

How do you prefer to receive emotional support? What are your go-to ways of comforting someone you love?

*Your Answers:*

## 4. How do you envision creating shared meaning and purpose in your marriage?

*Why it matters:* Having shared goals and a sense of purpose brings fulfillment and strengthens your connection as a couple.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What activities or causes do you both find meaningful? How can you integrate these into your life together?

*Your Answers:*

## Emotional Needs & Conflict



### 5. What are your primary emotional needs, and how can your partner meet them?

*Why it matters:* Understanding and fulfilling each other's emotional needs fosters intimacy and strengthens your relationship.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What makes you feel loved, appreciated, and secure? How can your partner show you they care?

*Your Answers:*

### 6. What are your typical conflict styles, and how can you develop healthier ways of resolving disagreements?

*Why it matters:* Learning to manage conflict constructively is essential for a lasting and harmonious marriage.

*Reflection Prompts:*

How do you typically react in a disagreement? What are some strategies you can use to communicate more effectively?

*Your Answers:*

### 7. How do you handle anger, and what boundaries can you set to ensure respectful communication during heated moments?

*Why it matters:* Managing anger effectively prevents escalation and protects your relationship from emotional harm.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What triggers your anger? How can you express your feelings without attacking your partner?

*Your Answers:*

## **8. What are your expectations for apologies and forgiveness, and how can you move forward after conflict?**

*Why it matters:* Apologizing sincerely and forgiving each other allows you to heal and rebuild trust after disagreements.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What makes an apology feel genuine to you? How can you let go of resentment and move forward?

*Your Answers:*

## **Money, Intimacy & Boundaries**



## **9. What are your attitudes toward money, and how will you manage finances together?**

*Why it matters:* Financial compatibility is crucial for a stable marriage. Discussing your financial goals and habits helps you avoid conflicts and plan for the future.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What are your financial priorities? How will you make financial decisions together?

*Your Answers:*

## **10. What are your expectations for physical and emotional intimacy, and how will you maintain a healthy sex life?**

*Why it matters:* Intimacy is essential for a fulfilling marriage. Open communication about your desires and needs helps you stay connected and satisfied.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What makes you feel close and connected to your partner? How can you create opportunities for intimacy in your busy lives?

*Your Answers:*

### **11. What boundaries do you need to feel safe and respected in the relationship?**

*Why it matters:* Setting healthy boundaries protects your individual well-being and strengthens your relationship.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What are your limits in terms of time, energy, and personal space? How can you communicate your boundaries assertively?

*Your Answers:*

### **12. How will you handle disagreements about spending, saving, and debt?**

*Why it matters:* Having a clear plan for managing finances reduces stress and prevents conflicts.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What are your spending habits? How much debt are you comfortable with?

*Your Answers:*

## **Family, Faith & Future Planning**



**13. What are your expectations for family involvement, and how will you navigate relationships with in-laws?**

*Why it matters:* Maintaining healthy relationships with family members is important for a harmonious marriage.

*Reflection Prompts:*

How much time do you expect to spend with your families? What boundaries do you need to set with in-laws?

*Your Answers:*

**14. If applicable, what are your religious or spiritual beliefs, and how will they influence your marriage?**

*Why it matters:* Sharing or respecting each other's faith strengthens your connection and provides guidance for your life together.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What role does faith play in your life? How will you incorporate your beliefs into your marriage and family?

*Your Answers:*

**15. What are your goals for the future, both individually and as a couple?**

*Why it matters:* Aligning your goals helps you create a shared vision for your life together.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What are your career aspirations? Where do you see yourselves in five, ten, or twenty years?

*Your Answers:*

**16. What are your expectations regarding children, parenting styles, and childcare responsibilities?**

*Why it matters:* Discussing your views on parenting ensures you are on the same page and can work together as a team.

*Reflection Prompts:*

Do you want children? What are your views on discipline, education, and childcare?

Your Answers:

## Repair, Resilience & Long-term Growth



### 17. What strategies will you use to repair your relationship after conflict or hurt?

*Why it matters:* Knowing how to heal after disagreements helps you rebuild trust and strengthen your bond.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What actions can you take to show your partner you are sorry and want to make things right? How can you create a safe space for healing?

Your Answers:

### 18. How will you maintain resilience in the face of challenges and setbacks?

*Why it matters:* Developing resilience helps you navigate difficult times and emerge stronger as a couple.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What resources can you draw on during times of stress? How can you support each other through challenges?

Your Answers:

### 19. How will you prioritize personal growth and self-care while nurturing your relationship?

*Why it matters:* Taking care of yourselves individually allows you to bring your best selves to the relationship.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What activities nourish your soul? How can you make time for self-care amidst your responsibilities?

Your Answers:

## 20. What rituals or traditions will you create to celebrate your love and connection over the years?

*Why it matters:* Creating meaningful traditions strengthens your bond and provides opportunities to celebrate your love.

*Reflection Prompts:*

What activities or traditions bring you joy as a couple? How can you incorporate these into your lives?

Your Answers:

## Red Flags to Notice Gently



- Consistent criticism or contempt
- Defensiveness and stonewalling
- Lack of empathy or emotional unavailability
- Controlling or manipulative behavior
- Unwillingness to compromise or seek help

## Green Flags to Build On



- Respectful and supportive communication
- Openness and honesty
- Shared values and goals
- Willingness to compromise and collaborate
- Ability to empathize and offer emotional support

## Let's Connect

HeartSpace is dedicated to supporting your journey toward a fulfilling and lasting marriage. If you'd like to learn more about our premarital counselling services, please contact us today!

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