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Before You Get Engaged: A Conversation Sheet for Christian Couples

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These are the 25 questions from the article *25 Questions to Ask Before Marriage or Engagement*. Print one copy each. Answer separately first, in writing, then sit down together and compare.

Take one or two questions at a time over several weeks, not one evening. After each question, tick the kind of answer you found. Disagreement is normal; what matters is knowing which kind of difference it is.

Before you begin. Share only what you feel free and safe to share. Either person can skip a question or pause the conversation. You may keep private notes private. If you fear your partner's reaction or experience threats, control or sexual pressure, set aside the joint exercise and seek confidential individual support.

Money

1. What do you actually earn, owe and own?

My answer

☐ We agree ☐ We can work it out ☐ Needs help before the wedding ☐ Cannot accept

2. What did money mean in the home where you grew up?

My answer

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3. How will we manage money, and what financial privacy will each person have?

My answer

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4. How will we decide what to give?

My answer

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Family

5. What will “leaving” our families mean in practice?

My answer

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6. What concerns do we have about each other’s family?

My answer

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7. What would we do if a parent needed care or money?

My answer

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Communication and conflict

8. What do you do when you are hurt?

My answer

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9. Think about our last significant argument. Is it resolved?

My answer

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10. What do you do when you realise you are wrong?

My answer

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11. Is there anything important you are afraid to tell me?

My answer

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Sex and intimacy

12. What do we each expect from sexual intimacy, and where did those expectations come from?

My answer

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13. Is there something from the past or present that could significantly affect our marriage?

My answer

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14. How will we respond when one person wants sexual intimacy and the other does not?

Sexual intimacy requires both people's freely given agreement, including in marriage.

My answer

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Children and parenting

15. Do we want children—and what if life unfolds differently?

My answer

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16. How were you disciplined as a child, and what would you repeat or change?

My answer

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17. How would we care for a child with a disability or significant additional needs?

My answer

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Faith

18. What might our shared spiritual life actually look like?

My answer

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19. How would we respond if one of us experienced serious doubt or a change in belief?

My answer

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20. Where will we worship, and what if we disagree?

My answer

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Roles and decisions

21. What do we believe about leadership and submission in marriage?

My answer

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22. How will we decide when we disagree and cannot wait?

My answer

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23. Who will do what on an ordinary Tuesday?

My answer

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The final two questions

24. Is there anything about me you are counting on changing after the wedding?

My answer

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25. Why this person, and why now?

My answer

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What we learned (fill in together)

The answer that surprised me most

Where we are more ready than we thought

What needs time and help before we decide

Questions to take to a pastor or premarital counsellor

Our next step, and when we will talk again

Going further. If you are still deciding whether this is the right person, *Before You Say Yes* will help. If you are heading towards engagement, *Talk Before You Marry* takes you through these subjects in depth with guided conversations. To talk them through with a pastor, book a conversation through Talk to a Pastor.

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