

Entertainment

- Are sports just something fun to do, or are they a big part of your life?
- What music do you listen to? (some examples) Does your family like/enjoy it too?
- What is your standard for Godly music?
- What are your views on television in the home, and what is your family's history with television?
- What are your thoughts on computer/video gaming?
- What's your favourite sport?
- What kind of music do you like?

Family

- What family traditions, holiday or otherwise, would you like to incorporate into your family?
- Do you want your children homeschooled? What role would you play in that? Would a 'hodge-podge' of curriculum be a part of the schooling plan?
- What are your views on circumcision? Would our sons (Lord willing) be circumcised?
- How would you go about testing suitors for your daughters? Or mates for your sons?
- What are your ideas when it comes to medical vs. natural/herbal remedies, or emergencies?
- Is homeschooling a preference or a conviction and why? What does your family think about it?
- What methods of discipline did your parents and grandparents use, and what is your opinion about this?
- If a visiting child misbehaves in your home, how do or would you handle it?
- What are your family's holiday and anniversary traditions and how do you feel about them?
- As an adult living with or away from your family, what parts do your mother, father and grandparents play in your life?
- In your family, whose responsibility is it to mow the lawn and take care of other yard work?
- Is that the way you think it should be? How do or would you establish division of labour indoors and out?
- Does your family have an history of health challenges, and what is their and your view on this?
- How would you discipline a child if the child needed it?
Would you want your children home educated or sent to a school?

Finances

- Do you only buy/wear name brand clothing/shoes, or are finds at thrift stores just fine?

- Would you be the only money-maker, or could (I) continue one or more cottage industries (which were begun before marriage), either throughout the marriage or as needed?
- Do you have a student loan or credit card debt? If so what are your plans for paying it off?

Food

- Do you like `leftover' meals or something fresh for each meal?
- What food(s) will you absolutely not eat? :)
- When your family visits friends for a shared meal, what do you like to do after you've eaten?
- Do you ever do the dishes? When?
- What are your views on nutrition and supplementation?

Personal Habits/Skills/Hobbies/Direction

- Is there anything about your current lifestyle or habits that you would change if there were children being raised in your presence?
- What are your views and practices regarding male dress/appearance?
- Are you a home handyman, do you hire a professional, do you expect your mother/sister/wife to fix it, or do you just ignore it?
- Do you enjoy and initiate intellectual stimulation?
- What is your view on speech standards, in regards to education as well as uprightness?
- Do you alter your speech style when evangelizing or amongst differing levels of society and for what reason?
- Why have you chosen courtship over dating? Was it your parents' view to start with, or have you dug deeper yourself, and as you have, has God spoken to you about it?
- Would you rather make a large difference in one person's life or a small difference in the entire world?
- What God-given gifts and talents do you have, and how do you use or plan to use them for God's service?
- What weaknesses do you have that I can pray about for you? How are you trying to overcome them, and is there any way I can help?
- What ministry(s) do you have?
- Is there any way I would be able to help you in this ministry(s)?
- Have you travelled much?
- Do you have a vision for your future family? What is it?
- Do you play any musical instruments?
- What do you like doing in your spare time?

Politics

- What's your view on our present government? Do you think people should protest against some of the laws that have been passed or may be passed soon? Or would you rather only pray about it instead of moving in action?
- Do you ever criticize the leaders of our country?
- What do you think of society's total exception and toleration of homosexuals?
- Would you smack your children even though it is illegal to do so? Is it right/wrong to obey this law?

Preferences

- Do you like the town or the country better?
- What's your favourite animal?
- What kind of books do you enjoy reading most?
- What's your favourite kind of take-aways?

Theology/Church

- What part does the Bible play in your life, and what is your view on modern translations?
- What do you consider appropriate music in the church and in the home and why?
- How do you spend your Sabbath and why?
- If your church leadership taught or promoted something you considered errant, how would you respond?
- What is your view on mid-week or evening church meetings that require the presence of husband and/or wife?
- What is your opinion of youth groups and children's Sunday school?
- What is your attitude and activity regarding missions and evangelism?
- Do you believe in pre-destination?
- Do you believe in once saved always saved ?
- How much time do you spend talking to God?
- Is He always the main factor in all of your decisions?
- How has He impacted your life?
- When/how did you become a Christian?
- Are all the members in your family Christians or not?

Calling/Vocation/Ministry/Vision

- What career are you pursuing? How are you pursuing it (college, apprenticeship, etc.)?
- How do you intend to fulfil the dominion mandate?
- What is your vision for the future? Where do you think the Lord wants you? What is His will for your life?
- What is your or would be our great spiritual purpose in life?
- What particular task have you been created for and called to?
- What is your long-term vision for your family?
- How do you keep your vision alive?

Family/Raising Children

- Do you think it is appropriate to raise our children from a young age to be computer literate?
- Do you believe in maiden daughters staying at home or would you want them to get a university degree/career?
- What kind of relationship do you have with your father? Your mother? What kind of relationship do you hope to have with your sons? Your daughters?
- Do you believe in using birth control?
- How many children do you want? How many boys and how many girls?
- What do you want to name your children?
- What do you believe about child discipline?
- What do you believe about homeschooling?
- What is your greatest desire for your children? That they would know God?
- What is your vision for your family?

Finances

- What do you believe regarding going into debt?
- What do you believe about taking government handouts such as family support?
- What do you believe about finances? Cash based or are credit cards ok?
- How would you like to deal with money? Will I have a household budget?
- As far as you can ascertain, what sort of income level are you likely to live at?

Home Life

- What sort of meals does your family eat? What sort of meals do you want your wife to make?
- What sorts of foods do you like? How should I organise meals? ie, main meal at lunch or dinner?
- In what ways would you like your future household to be disciplined?

- What books do you want on your shelves? For you and your family?
- What books do you not want on your shelves?
- Where do you want to live?

Husband and Wife Roles and Responsibilities and Relationship

- What do you look for in a wife?
- How do you define a meek and quiet spirit in a woman? Is this something you look for in a wife?
- Do you believe that a wife should submit to her husband? What exactly does this mean to you?
- Do you believe that a husband should love his wife as he loves himself? What exactly does this mean to you?
- Will you expect your wife to be the sole care giver to your children, or will you take an active role in raising them?
- Do you expect your wife to do all the cooking?
- What are your views on female dress/appearance?
- How can I please you in the way that I dress?
- How can I please you in the way that I speak?
- How can I please you in the things that I do?
- In what ways, in what things do you need a wife to help you?
- What things do you see yourself doing with your wife: A. for relaxation?
- B. for fun? C. to sanctify her? D. to prepare for the future?
- Would you ever require/ask your wife to go into paid employment outside the home?
- Would you desire me to be active as a Titus 2 woman? (Particularly after our children have been raised?)
- Would you be willing to run with me? Walk with me? Help to keep me accountable to an exercise programme?
- How can I show you respect? What would you view as a disrespectful attitude or action from me?
- Have you prayed about our courtship/relationship/a possible future marriage with me?

Personal Details/Idiosyncrasies

- What is your favorite food?
- What are some of your favorite TV shows and movies?
- What's your favorite color?
- What would be your favourite aspect of friendship? Marriage? Fatherhood? Husbandhood? Having a wife? Owning your own home?
- Do you have any food allergies?
- In what ways are you disciplined?

- In what ways would you like to be disciplined?
- Do you like to read out loud?
- to be gentlemen?
- What place does music have in your life?
- In what ways are you like your dad? In what ways are you unlike him?
- Who are the influential people in your life? Why?
- Who do you read/have you read?
- What are your messages?
- What do you like to read? What do you not like to read?
- What is the nicest complement you have been paid?
- How often and how much of the Bible do you read? What have you memorized?

Politics

- Are you a republican, democrat, etc?
- Would you vote for a female presidential candidate?
- What if the Government becomes antifamily, statist and totalitarian? Where would we go? What would we do? What about if we can't spank? What about if we can't home educate our children? Or can't worship God/
- If homeschooling becomes illegal would you still homeschool? What about spanking?

Relationships in General and Ours in Particular

- Do you believe in dating or courtship, and how do you define both of these?
- Tell me about your past relationships.
- Have you ever kissed anyone?
- Do you believe in saving your first kiss for your wedding kiss?
- Have you ever had sex? [Girls, as horrible as it is to admit it, this and other similar questions are important to ask in this day and age. Michael Pearl writes an excellent article in this vein for fathers. Perhaps you could give your father the following link and tell him it is to an article which talks about some of the important questions a father would want to ask a future suitor in order to protect his daughter. This is not an article for younger readers to read (or even for most older readers! It is for fathers.).
- <http://www.nogreaterjoy.org/topics/general-view/archive/2006/march/24/dads-daughter/>]
- How far have you gone physically with someone? Do you regret going that far?
- Do you have difficulty dealing with lust?
- How far do you think is okay to go physically with a girlfriend/boyfriend?
- With just a friend?
- Is holding hands okay? Hugging?

- How much supervision do you think a dating/courting couple should have? Should they be allowed to go on dates alone? Should one of their parents always be present?
- Do you think the man should always pay for dates?
- Is it wrong for a woman to initiate a relationship with a man? Should a man always be the one to initiate a relationship? Why or why not?

Spiritual Disciplines (Christian Living)

- Do you have any convictions about which Christian organizations you give money to?
- When sharing your faith, do you believe in preaching "Law to the proud, grace to the humble" or do you believe in telling people that "God has a wonderful plan for your life"?
- Do you desire to glorify God in all that you do?
- Is attending church every Sunday a priority for you?
- Do you believe in elder rule, congregational rule or pastoral rule?
- Do you prefer small churches or large churches?

Theology/Orthodoxy

- What do you believe about creation vs. evolution?
- What is the meaning of life?
- What are your beliefs on the end times?
- Do you believe the rapture will occur before the tribulation?
- What do you believe about heaven and hell?

Books To Read Together

Read through *As Unto the Lord: A Tool for Wives Who Want to Glorify God* by Pam Forster together and discuss (to understand what each believes about submission and how the wife can honour her husband).

Read *Reforming Marriage* by Douglas Wilson together and discuss (Other good ones would be *Federal Husband* by Douglas Wilson and *The Fruit of Her Hands* by Nancy Wilson).

My minister recommended for pre-marriage counselling that Pete and I read and discuss together *Developing Deep Unity in the Marriage Relationship* by Wayne Mack and *Christian Living in the Home* by Jay Adams. Another good resource may be *Preparing for Marriage* by Wayne Mack.

Calling/Vocation/Ministry/Vision

- How could I help you? In your work, vision, etc?
- Do you work long hours? Do you see this continuing?
- What are your long term goals/aims/ambitions/visions regarding work/family/relationships/personally?
- What is your calling?
- How would you define/describe the dominion mandate?
- What is your ministry?
- In what ministry ways do you foresee using your family?

Family/Raising Children

- What goals do you have for your children? How do you want to raise them? Your boys? Your girls?
- In many families the only benefit of homeschooling is that the children are at home. What benefits do you want to have? What advantages do you want to take because your children are at home?
- How do you intend to discipline/train your infants?
- How do you intend to discipline/train your young children?
- Will your wife always come before your children?
- Regarding raising boys, what will your role be? Will you take over the training of your boys from your wife at some point?
- What situations would merit your daughter getting a part time or full time job? Or are you keen to train them to be helpmeets and homemakers by having them help you and I?
- Will spanking be a first or last resort?
- What homeschool curriculum/philosophies are you interested in?
- Would you ever send your children to school?
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Finances

- Can you describe your financial situation to me?
- How do you foresee finances once you are married to be organized? For example, what would a regular food budget be likely to be?
- Do you have savings?
- Do you see tithing as an act of worship? ie, not proper to come before the Lord in worship without an offering?

Home Life

- What will life be like, what will my role be after the children are grown?
- What are your desires/intentions with regard to hospitality?
- What meals will we be able to eat together?

- Would you prefer your family to work together and towards a common goal? Or is the soccer mom lifestyle acceptable to you?
- What do you think about kids toys?
- What do you think about clutter and stuff? Children's chores? Pocket money?

Husband and Wife Roles and Responsibilities and Relationship

- Have you prayed about our courtship/relationship/a possible future marriage with me?
- What is your understanding of the way Christ loves the church?
- Are you aware that as my federal head you are responsible for all my problems? (Page 12 of Federal Husband by Douglas Wilson talks about this).
- In what ways will it be hard for you to give up your privacy or independence or individualism if we marry?
- How can we glorify God and enjoy Him forever in our marriage?
- How long have you been alone?
- Does it seem to you that I would be a helper comparable to you?
- Are you prepared to answer my theological questions or, if you cannot, to study so you can remedy the deficiency?
- When I come to you for counsel, will you give it to me? When I ask for a decision, will you make it? Even if I resist it?
- Is it important to you that your wife be loyal?
- How could I demonstrate loyalty to you if we were married?
- Do I fit your needs?
- If we married would it point people to God?
- Do you think it is appropriate to correct your wife in public?
- Are you prepared for my unsubmissive sinful nature?
- What if we can't have children?
- What do you anticipate married life with me looking like?
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Personal Details/Idiosyncrasies

- What do you do to pursue purity? To guard your purity?
- Have you had any speeding tickets?
- Have you ever been in trouble with the law?
- Have you ever been in court?
- How did your parents meet?
- What makes you cry? Laugh? Frustrated?
- What other emotions do you tend to feel?
- What are your weaknesses?
- What are your character weaknesses?
- What things in your life are you trying to work on?
- What spiritual mistakes have you made in the past or errors have you believed?

- What sort of a wedding would you like? Style? Size? What traditions would it incorporate?
- What was your family like growing up?
- What is your church like?
- How do you learn best?
- What is important to you? What needs do you have?
- Is there anything else I should know about you?

Relationships in General and Ours in Particular

- Would you only date/court a person you are interested in marrying?
- How long should a couple date/court before becoming engaged?
- What do you think of giving promise rings?
- Do you think it's okay to talk to someone of the opposite sex on the phone if you are not dating/courting them?
- What are your desires with regard to physical purity prior to marriage? What sort of physical touch is appropriate prior to marriage?
- What are your desires with regard to physical affection after marriage?
- Are you physically affectionate? Do you intend to be physically affectionate with your wife/children?
- What are your expectations from here?
- What are your courtship expectations?
- What about physical touch prior to marriage?
- Who are the people you are investing your emotional energy in?
- What safeguards or accountability should we have when we are together before we are married?

Spiritual Disciplines (Christian Living)

- What is your view of: A. Bible intake? B. Meditation? C. Prayer? D. Memorization? E. Worship? F. Evangelism? G. Tithing? H. Stewardship of time and money? I. Fasting. J. Silence and solitude? K. Simplicity (ie, living a simple life)? L. Dancing and feasting. M. Celebration?
- Would you want me to wear a headcovering?
- How do you feel about gossip? What constitutes gossip? How much should we talk about others? How much is it appropriate for a married couple to talk about others to each other? Would you ever talk about me to others?

Theology/Orthodoxy

- What do you think of intelligent design?
- What are your thoughts on paedobaptism and paedocommunion?

- Are you Reformed?

Ten Questions to Ask Your Husband Each Year

I listened to a sermon with this title on sermonaudio.com recently. The minister recommended that a wife ask her husband the following questions each year:

- What could I do to make you feel more loved?
- What could I do to make you feel more respected?
- What could I do to make you feel more understood?
- What could I do to make you feel more self-confident?
- What could I do to make you more confident in our future direction?
- What attribute would you like me to develop?
- What attribute would you like for me to help you develop?
- What achievement in my life would bring you the greatest joy?
- What would really indicate to you that I really desire to be more Christlike?
- What mutual goal would you like to see us accomplish?

Wouldn't those be great questions to ask your husband each year to bless your husband and really be a help to him? Tuck them away and pull them out again once you are married!