

Premarital counseling

Compare Our Expectations Before Marriage

Couples | 10 to 15 minutes

People can use the same word, such as fairness or family, and picture different arrangements. Choose one topic before marriage: money, household work, children, faith, or time alone. This page helps reveal expectations and questions. It does not decide whether you should marry.

Complete your answers separately if preferred. Share only by choice, then choose one topic for further discussion.

Describe the everyday version

Move from a broad hope to a practical example. What would a normal week look like? Notice expectations learned from family, culture, finances, or earlier relationships without treating them as rules your partner must accept.

Leave room for uncertainty

Separate an agreement from an unanswered question. For a difference, name what each person needs to understand before deciding. A next step may be gathering information, consulting a professional, or taking more time.

1. What expectation do I bring to one part of married life?**2. What everyday arrangement would reflect it?****3. Where do our preferences, limits, or unanswered questions differ?****4. What freely chosen conversation or information do we need next?****Clinical use and adaptation**

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