



Pre-Marital Counseling Agreement

Introduction: If a couple is not willing to do the necessary work involved in preparing for marriage then it seems evident that they do not have the maturity necessary for a successful marriage relationship.

Purposes of Pre-Marital:

1. To prepare an engaged couple in the dynamics essential for a truly successful marriage.
2. Areas covered:
 - a. Personal History
 - b. Family History
 - c. Dating History
 - d. Communication
 - e. Sex
 - f. Children
 - g. In-laws
 - h. Goals and Values
 - i. Religion
 - j. Financial Goals/Priorities
 - k. Budget
 - l. Employment/Career Plans
 - m. Residence
 - n. Friends/Recreation
3. To educate an engaged couple to understand the responsibility that a minister has to those who are married in the church.

Understanding the Minister's Role:

1. The minister has a responsibility under God for those whom he performs weddings. If a couple marries when not adequately prepared, then the minister shares in the couple's irresponsibility.
2. The minister is not paid by the church to perform weddings.
3. The minister does not have an obligation to marry everyone who comes to him to ask to be married.
4. After counseling with a couple, the minister has the right to refuse to marry anyone who feels he is not prepared for marriage.



Commitments for Pre-Marital Counseling:

1. We understand the purposes for pre-marital counseling and the minister's role in marriage preparation.
2. We agree to come for at least seven sessions of pre-marital counseling.
3. We agree to do the assignments as they are given each week,
4. We understand even after the seven sessions are completed that the minister has the right to refuse to marry us if he believes we are not adequately prepared for marriage.

Date_____

Engaged Couple: _____

Parents of the Couple:

His parents: _____

Her parents: _____

Minister Performing the Wedding or Counselor: _____