



LOWCOUNTRY COMMUNITY CHURCH

TWO TO ONE

Marriage Mentoring Application for Engaged Couples

Please return this application to the Two to One ministry staff. Everything is confidential. One application per person.

Name: _____

Best Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Who will perform your marriage? _____

Wedding Date: _____ Fiancé's Name: _____

Are you a member of LCC? Yes No

Do you attend the weekend services? Regularly Occasionally Never

Have you, or are you currently serving in any ministry at LCC? Yes No

If so, where? _____

Please take time in a quiet place to fill out this informational questionnaire. Do not share answers with each other.

The purpose of this profile is to communicate thoughts and feelings about yourself and your future spouse. This will help your mentor(s) to better understand and serve you.

This ministry is available only to applicants who are committed to the biblical model of marriage, which is defined as the permanent union between a man and a woman.

Be assured that all information will be held in confidence, therefore, we ask for your open and honest responses. LCC Pastoral staff, Two to One ministry leaders, you, and your partner are the only individuals that will review this information.

We are committed to helping you build a God-honoring relationship as a couple by discussing biblical as well as secular marriage principles in a setting designed to be relaxed, informative, and challenging

The core of our Two to One Marital Mentoring is the Prepare / Enrich assessment. Prepare / Enrich is a customized couple assessment completed online that identifies a couple's strength and growth areas. It is one of the most widely used programs for premarital counseling and premarital education. Based on a couple's assessment results, a trained mentor/facilitator helps the couple discuss and understand their results as they are taught proven relationship skills.

Your cost for the Prepare / Enrich assessment is \$35.00 per person (\$70 per couple). Additionally, you will be asked to pay \$75 to LCC to cover expenses including additional books and media materials provided to you. Please note: In situations, the information learned from this application and/or your Prepare / Enrich assessment report may indicate that your premarital needs would be best addressed by a licensed professional counselor instead of LCC ministry volunteer mentors. In this situation, you will be referred to appropriate professionals or you may choose to find your own counselor. It will be your responsibility to contract for and bear the cost of any professional services needed.

General Information

How long have you known each other? _____

How long have you been engaged? _____

Does your family approve of your choice of a mate? Yes No

If not, what are their concerns?

Have you ever been married before? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Are you well acquainted with your future spouse's immediate family?

List three strengths and three weaknesses in your potential mate.

List three strengths and three weaknesses in yourself.

List the ways you and your potential mate are alike.

List the ways you and your potential mate are different.

Describe some specific things about your potential mate that concern you and that you would change if you could.

Family Background

List what you feel are the positive qualities of your father:

List what you feel are the positive qualities of your mother:

List what you feel are the weaknesses of your father:

List what you feel are the weaknesses of your mother:

In what ways are you similar to your father?

In what ways are you similar to your mother?

How well do you and your father communicate? Not very well Fairly well Very well

How well do you and your mother communicate? Not very well Fairly well Very well

How were love, warmth, and tenderness expressed in your home growing up?

Who did you go to for emotional support and comfort while growing up?

How would you like emotional support/comfort to be expressed in your home?

Have your parents divorced? Yes No

If "Yes", how did this affect you? How old were you when they divorced?

How has your parents divorce impacted your view of marriage and divorce?

How did your parents handle problems and conflict between them?

What was your response to your parent's methods of handling their problems?

How do you and your future spouse resolve conflict and problems between you?

What do you perceive to be the strengths of your future spouse's family?

What do you perceive to be the weaknesses of your future spouse's family?

Was your parent's marriage a happy one? Yes No

Why? _____

Was/Is your parent's marriage a spiritually strong one? Yes No

Why? _____

Which of your parents contributes the most strength to the marriage?

How do you expect your marriage to differ from your parents?

How do you expect your marriage to be similar to your parents?

Has there been mental illness, alcohol, drug, physical or sexual abuse in your life or in your history? Yes No

If so, how have these experiences influenced you?

Expectations

Name several reasons that led you to desire to marry your potential mate:

Is there anything that makes you jealous of your potential mate?

What would you consider grounds for divorce?

How important are certain dates (anniversary, birthdays, etc.) to you?

Family Goals

What are two activities (recreational, social. etc.) that you have in common?

Are each of you be willing to permit the other one night per week for his/her own interests?

Do the two of you have mutual friends? If so, how often are you together?

Do you dislike any of your fiancé's family or friends? If so, why?

How much education have you had? Do you plan on continuing your education?

How do you feel about children?

How many children would you like to have?

How do you feel about your wife working outside the house?

Family Roles

How do you plan to make important decisions in your marriage?

How important do you feel communication is to a relationship and how do you define it?

When do you feel the most freedom to communicate?

When do you feel the least freedom to communicate?

One aspect of our relationship I've been reluctant to discuss with my future mate, but wish to now is:

Describe several things your future mate does that make it easy to share yourself with him/her.

Describe several things your future mate does that make it difficult to share yourself with him/her.

One need I wish my future mate would be more sensitive to is:

Conflict Resolution

How do you express pain, disagreement and anger in your relationship?

How does your future mate express these same feelings?

Spiritual

Have you received Christ as your Savior? Yes No

When did this occur? _____

Describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ:

What does it mean for the husband to be the spiritual leader and head of the home?

Are your parents Christians? Yes No

Are you certain that your future spouse is a Christian? Yes No

How do you perceive your future spouse's relationship with Jesus Christ?

What would you like to see God do in your marriage?

Are you, as a couple, involved in a local church? Yes No

Intimate Relationship

On your opinion, what is appropriate romantic involvement during engagement?

What books have you read or recordings have you listened to on the subject of sex in marriage?

Do you think your knowledge of sexual & physical relations is: Very Good Good Fair

On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being least important and 10 being most, how important is sex in marriage?

List two reasons why you think your future spouse has a proper biblical understanding and awareness of his/her sexuality and is ready for marriage:

Does the discussion of sexual matters with your future spouse make you embarrassed or inhibited?

What do you believe to be the limits in your physical relationship before marriage?

Finances

Have you and your future spouse completed Financial Peace University? Yes No

Have you and your future spouse agreed on the income necessary to operate your household? Yes No

Do you and your future spouse have the same attitude toward charitable giving? Yes No

Which of you is going to handle the money and payment of bills?

Disclosure and Confidentiality Agreement

In an effort to help couples explore and strengthen their relationships prior to marriage, the *Two to One* ministry provides mentoring based on the well known *Prepare / Enrich* assessment (prepare-enrich.com), the Bible, and other Christian-based books and materials. LCC considers marriage a sacred and serious joining of two people in a way that is ordained and blessed by God and the best model of marriage is that of Christ to His church. Premarital couples will be mentored and coached by a volunteer married couple from LCC. These couples are not licensed counselors or therapists, but have been trained in using the *Prepare / Enrich* materials. In the event that it is discovered that you would be best served by a licensed counselor or therapist, you will be referred to one in our community.

Cost: The *Prepare / Enrich* assessment will cost each couple \$70 (\$35 per person) and will be paid directly to prepare-enrich.com. Additionally, you will be asked to pay \$75 to LowCountry Community Church to cover the cost of other materials provided to you. A mentor couple will be assigned to each premarital couple for the duration of the mentoring process (usually 6 to 8 sessions at 1-1/2 hours each). You will be required to attend all meetings with your mentor couple. Please remember that they are volunteering to help you and respect their time and efforts.

Confidentiality: Your *Prepare / Enrich* assessment and your discussions with your mentor couple are totally confidential within the following group of people:

- All LowCountry Community Church Pastors
- The mentor couple assigned to you
- Ministry volunteers: Dawn Page, MA, LPC, Jack Hardy, MA, LPC, and Libby Hardy, MS, LMFT

Note: Confidentiality may be broken in the unlikely event that it is felt by ministry leaders that someone is in danger of physical harm.

Benefits and Risks: Your participation in this premarital mentoring program comes with potential benefits and risks. The potential benefits include the possibilities that you will learn more about yourself, your fiancé, and your relationship and that you will each enjoy a more meaningful, healthy, fulfilling, and Christ-centered marriage. The risks include the possibilities that one or both of you may change your perspective about your relationship and decide to postpone or discontinue plans for marriage at this time. Another possibility is that you discover that one or both of you need to seek therapy treatment from a Licensed Professional Counselor, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, or other mental health professional. In this event, you would be responsible for contacting a professional and paying for their services.

Active Participation: This program requires your active participation. It is not a classroom format, nor simply an educational process. You will be discussing important relationship strengths and opportunities to grow your relationship. There will be assigned exercises for exploration and discussion as well as books, CD/DVD materials to review. Upon completion of this program, a letter documenting your completion may be provided to you if needed. Please note that if you are to be married at LCC or by any LCC Pastor, completion of this program is a prerequisite. Additionally, in the event that you are not comfortable working with the mentor couple assigned to you and you wish to change mentors, please contact Pastor Rob Jacobs at LCC.

Please acknowledge and agree:

Printed Name of Groom: _____

Signature of Groom: _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Bride: _____

Signature of Bride: _____ Date _____

Wedding Date: _____

Officiating Pastor (if known): _____

Other information you would like for us to know: _____

We are excited for you and look forward to seeing your relationship grow stronger and even more fulfilling!