

PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Considerations during Engagement Period

1. It is the last opportunity to really get to know the person before marriage.
2. To determine what each person wants out of a marriage, and what each person is willing to contribute to the marriage.
3. It is not the time for sexual experimentation. Many heart-broken married people have mistaken sexual pleasure for genuine love.
4. To discover likenesses and differences for potential compatibility after marriage.
5. Begin to build a positive relationship with in-laws, if possible.
6. To study, understand, and discuss the responsibilities of a husband, wife, mother, or father.
7. Discover the needs of your intended, and honestly determine whether you believe you can meet these needs.
8. Financial planning, saving and preparations for marriage.
9. Observation of how your intended expresses love to you, and if this is satisfactory to you.
10. Discovering life and future family goals.
11. Planning for wedding, at least 6 months is advised for a church wedding. (You should not have a church wedding if you cannot afford to setup housekeeping after the wedding.)
12. It is the last opportunity for you to decide whether you believe this relationship has the potential to become a good or bad one.
 - a. Don't rush in coming to a decision.
 - b. Don't worry about what people will say if you break off the relationship.
 - c. Break off the relationship if you have serious doubts about it.