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Preface



Many years ago, an old friend of mine used to visit me at my parent's house. We were always together for days. On many occasions, I visited him too. I really love and enjoyed his company.

As at then, my old friend was in a relationship with a lady. They both had a promising future and today they are very fine. Whenever my old friend and I were together, I had the privilege to listen to the conversation between him and his fiancée. This continued for about two years. I was not even in a relationship then and had not even had any relationship then. One day, while both of them conversed, a question came to my heart, is this what dating (or call it relationship) all about? I never said anything or questioned my old friend till today. But I had that strong thought in my heart.

Here is my observation: whenever my old friend and his fiancée had the time to talk either on phone

or physically, all I heard were the following – “Have you eaten today?” “What did you eat?” “Where are you going tomorrow?” “Where did you go today?” “What is special about today?” “What’s the latest gist?” How about mum and dad?” “Which country do you want us to do our wedding?” How many children do you want us to have?” and so on. Sometimes, it would be story of how someone insulted or offended one of the parties. When they talked on phone, they would talk for hours wasting their airtime. One time, their daily call was to settle a disagreement between them for two weeks. How in the world would this continue! To me, all of these are irrelevancies and not needed. Too many people continue doing these things my old friend did. I believe my old friend shouldn’t be blamed for if he knew the right thing to do, I trust him, he would do it.

For about six years, I took time to study the flow in many people’s relationship and I see that it is almost the same – discussing what I considered “irrelevancies”. Some engaged partners are even worse that they only discuss about other people’s life. Many who are dating or engaged only think of honeymoon. Funny! In a clear term, they think sex. The main thing in the heart of many is sex. It is after few months in marriage that the reality will dawn on them.

As an entity that relates with people and families, I have discovered that the reason for many marital problem was the unresolved and undiscussed issues during dating period. Right and appropriate information was not communicated. This often happen because many don't know the purpose of dating. This book is written so you won't waste your time chatting and discussing what my old friend used to discuss with his fiancée. You need to empower your mind to know the next thing to do.

The Trigger for This Book

Years ago, when I was at 200 level at the university, due to the fact that I mentored many people, I had to find out the essence of dating so I could enlighten myself as well as the people around me. That year, I was able to write out about one hundred and twenty points to discuss when dating. I kept the points in my file for years.

After few years, I traveled to a place to work on a book project. Kemi Aduloju and Simi Ilori were the chefs while Tobi Ilori was my host. These people really took care of me throughout the four days I stayed there. One evening, during my rest period, Kemi Aduloju (my co-author) and I engaged in a discussion. We actually discussed around marital issues – dating, engagement, preparations, etc. I

asked her some questions to test her intelligence and she answered perfectly and intelligently. I later shared with her that I wrote one hundred and twenty points to be discussed while dating. She was amazed and excited to hear that. She asked what the points are and I replied jokingly that she should pray to God to reveal all to her. We both laughed. After few minutes, I told her I want to give her an assignment and it must be submitted at a specific time. I said, “Write out one hundred matters engaged partners should discuss.” She looked at me with amazement and said, “oneee hundreddddd... ha Jesus!” She looked at Tobi Ilori’s face and said, “Pastor Tobi, you will help me!” I objected and told Tobi not to help her with the assignment. We all laughed together. I said, you must not miss the deadline and she replied “okay sir!”

She submitted the assignment two days after the stipulated time, I read it and was amazed at the point she wrote – very wonderful and insightful. One day, I was inspired to write a book on dating. I brought out what I had written and what Kemi had written. I extracted points from what we have both written. You will accomplish the purpose of dating when you apply the things written in this book.

The things written here are for your benefit. We decide to make this book free so everyone can benefit from it. Read and discuss with your spouse

and you will be blessed!

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The Essence of Dating

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What is Dating?

Dating simply refers to a relationship between a man and woman that are in love with each other with the aim of finding out whether they can marry each other.

In the Christian circle, the word “dating” is considered unholy or secular. The circle will rather prefer the word “relationship”, “courting”, “engaged period”, etc. They are not trying to spiritualize this but are trying to ensure that the right communication and understanding is passed to the two lovers. It seems as though the word “dating” looks unreal. The perception is that those dating are unserious fellow. But this is not true.

There is a clear difference between “date” and

“dating”. Dating is a relationship process between two opposite individuals, while “a date” is an event or activity that took place between two people. We can go on a date but dating is a process of examination.

What is Phronesis?

There are three Greek word used for wisdom. You can read my book titled “Wisdom Power”. Phronesis means applied wisdom or practical wisdom. It is not just a kind of wisdom that is insightful or analytical, but practical. When you read the phronesis (practical wisdom) on any particular subject, you will just know what to do.

Phronesis for dating refers to the practical wisdom for dating. With this kind of wisdom, you will just know what to do to advance your relationship. The reason many in relationship discuss the wrong things is because they lack the phronesis for dating. They have not been empowered to know what they should discuss and as such, they just waste the time chatting and discussing irrelevancies.

The Purpose of Dating

The purpose of dating is to know each other. When a guy or man suddenly falls in love with a lady or woman, it is expected of both of them to know each

other before they agree to marry each other. Many spouses have confirmed sincerely that they married a stranger – that is someone they do not know. In other words, the time they should utilized to know each other, they used to delve into unnecessary talk. Don't be deceived, if you fail to know and get details about your lover, you will end up regretting. Don't be too emotional to disregard necessary fact about your lover.

The purpose of dating is not to change each other but to know each other. You can't change grown people, they can only change themselves. Attempting to change the other party without permitting them to see the need to change themselves is suicidal mission that will later turn out to be mission impossible. The only thing you can do is to share perspectives and principles with each other, and it is left for the other to adapt and adopt.

The truth is that what you fail to deal with while dating will deal with you in marriage. I have always told people that a broken relationship is better than a broken marriage. I have discovered that the reason many divorced each other was because they didn't discuss some matters when dating. Don't pretend to be blind to what you dislike when dating. You've got to open up and never be too emotional about the truth. When you fail to confront what is not right in your relationship, you have only postpone the

confrontation into marriage. It will now be either you confront that particular thing in marriage or that thing confront you.

You've got to know that dating is mainly for interview. It is not for partying or visit different beach, eatery or cinema. Yes, you can do all of that when you have the chance. But the main aspect of dating is for interview. We are not dating so we can entertain each other, but to interview each other. When dating, both the man and woman are interviewers. None of us is an entertainer. None of the lovers should be too proud to answer questions asked by the other party and sincerity must be a watchword. Deception or exaggeration must be avoided if we truly want to accomplish the purpose of dating.

It can be very frustrating when you marry your lover with the wrong perspective he or she has over the years. During dating, you will be able to ask about the view of the other and adjust the other's view by sharing your view. Your lover should be able to see light in your light.

The fact is that trying to change the other without first getting his or her view will not work. You must get the perspective of your lover before attempting to correct or suggest. Your suggestion, correction or instruction without first getting the view of the other will not work because your lover has his or

her internal-routine thinking system which has been developed over the years.

The Fact and the Reality About Dating

Dating or relationship is not a spiritual affair and there is no scriptural basis for how it should be run. Dating or relationship is practical while marriage is both spiritual and practical. When dating or courting, God doesn't see both of you as one, but as two separate entities. It is in marriage that God sees two people as one. That means, when you are dating someone and you noticed that the person is cunning or not straightforward, it is wisdom for you to disconnect from that person. You are dating your lover just to prove whether both of you can marry each other. The moment, you perceive that things won't work out, it is better you make the quality decision to stop such relationship.

Don't be lured or deceived by anyone that you can't separate from him or her. The other day, a friend told me how a pastor told a lady that if she attempted to disconnect from her lover, she would sin against God. That is funny! How in the world would such happen, especially when the lady already perceive that the man had the tendency to beat her in marriage? How in the world would she sin against God because she stopped dating an immature man?

If you truly understand that God doesn't see both of you as one entity when dating, you will know that you can separate when you notice things can't work out. I hope you know that God doesn't force people to marry each other. Even Joseph wasn't forced by the angel to marry Mary. The angel had to explain to him that the child is from God.

When dating anyone, you have to be highly practical. As a man, don't claim you will marry a lady who cannot cook. When you find out that your lover can not cook, it is better you send her to a catering school for her to be trained before both of you agree to marry each other. Don't be too emotional to overlook the practical side of life. You have to ensure that solutions are provided to all difficult matters before you go ahead to agree to marry each other.

Stop Dating Anyone Who Is Not Going in Your Direction

Love can be controlled. You have the power to decide not to be in emotional love with the person you had fallen in love with in the past. I remember the first lady I fell in love with, I really loved her so much that I nurture the love within me for about seven years before I opened up to her. When I got to secondary school, in my first year, I just fell in love with her. But, I became bold enough to open

up to her after I left secondary school. She really loved me. Somehow, we couldn't work out things. Eventually, I was sick for days because this lady and I couldn't work out things. My parents noticed I wasn't just happy and not myself, but they didn't know that it was because a damsel wasn't going to the direction of their boy. Funny! As at then, that was the only beautiful lady I thought was in the world. I am really laughing as I write this. It was when I got into tertiary institution that I saw many more beautiful ladies. It took over one year before I got over this lover of mine.

When I got into tertiary institution, I saw many ladies that I just loved. I developed emotional attachment for many of them but didn't walk up to any of them. It was funny for me to see how ladies were courageous to walk up to me to ask me out. I mean, ladies came to tell me they loved me and would marry me.

There was this lady I really loved. We became close in my final year in school and I really hoped both of us could work things out. But somehow, things didn't go the way I expected. She told me she can't marry anyone who will end up in full time ministry and I told her I can't marry anyone who can't marry anyone in a full time ministry. I asked her, what do you see about me? And she replied that "she sees me as a classic working class personality"

and not someone who is deep in ministry like that. Having understood her perspective about me and perceived she wasn't ready to marry anyone going into full time ministry, I had to tell her to let go and that was how our dating ended.

You must be careful not to be lured with the deception that your lover will turn to your direction later when you marry. During your dating period, the moment you notice someone isn't going the same direction with you, you must make a change. Don't assume you don't have power over emotional love, you do! It is in your power to love someone emotionally and it is in your power to stop that emotional love. Never assume that if you stop dating someone, it will affect your life. That is not correct and such assumption should not be permitted. God did not make a particular man or woman for you.

For Men: What You Found Is a Wife Not Your Wife

Scripture reveals that he who finds a wife finds a good thing and has obtained favor from the Lord. The scripture doesn't say he who finds his wife. You can find a wife but you have to decide to make her your wife. If you find a wife but you discover both of you can't work out things, it is wisdom for both of you to resolve to dissolve. Any woman you find is

a wife and will only be your wife on your wedding day. A wife becomes your wife on the wedding day.

The truth is that the wife of every man is in his mind. Your wife is within you. In other words, the image of your wife is within you. The picture of the wife you really want – how you want her to behave, her culture, etc. is in your mind. When you are dating or in a relationship with a lady, you are dating a wife not your wife. There will be some qualities or attributes you will really desire in your wife which may not be in your lover now. It is your duty to now turn a wife to your wife by depositing those attributes inside of her. Every man must be skilled at putting the image of his wife in his lover. You must be able to transform a wife – your lover to your wife. The easiest way to do this is through communication. You need the ability to communicate the picture of the wife you really want to the person you are dating and give her time to really work things out.

You remember that Eve was brought out of Adam, so also your wife will be brought out of you. Your wife will come out of you by communicating the picture of the attributes and qualities you desire to your lover. All women are receptive, it only depend on your ability to communicate to them well. Your real wife is in your imagination. God will give you a wife but you have to imagine how she can be. Many met their lover at events, schools, churches, etc. but

the fact is that their wife is not at any event, school or church. Every man's wife is in his imagination. Your wife doesn't exist in the body of any lady. Your wife is not in the visible world but in the invisible – and the invisible is viewed by your imagination.

All God will do for you is to send a wife your way, you will then identify the person... then after your expression of love through proposal, both of you embark on a journey to know each other. It is during the process that you transform her from a wife to your wife.

The truth is that every man has been given the power to make his wife but only few understand this. Just like the ribs of Adam were brought out, you must bring out the ribs of your wife in you by communicating the things you really desire in your wife. Remember I said, you will make your wife. There's difference between changing someone and making someone. You can't change anybody, you can only make them. Jesus didn't say follow me and I will change you to fisher of men... no! He said "I will make you fisher of men." Trying to change your lover will not work, it will frustrate you and make you a dictator. You should be a husband not a dictator. What you should do to is to make her.

Changing her is forcing her to become what you want her to be. But making her is taking the responsibility and initiative to make her desire and

become what you want her to be. You need to be skilled at creating desires in her heart to desire to become the picture of your wife in you. When you take up a making process, you will see the change you want in your lover. When you communicate to her and arouse her desire to do or become what you shared with her, she will make the change herself without you forcing her. And when you make her, the change you desire will be so rapid. You need to be patient with your lover and know that nobody change overnight but over time.

God puts your wife in your brain so that when you find a wife, you will bring out your wife from within you and put it in the wife you find. The process of bringing out your wife in you and putting it in her is the making process. Your wife exist now in knowledge and pictures in your heart. You need to transfer that knowledge and picture to her and when she receives it, you have made her.

The Mistakes of Many Men

It is funny to see that many men are inexperienced and not exposed to the right fact about dating and relationship. Too many often assume that their lover – wife to be should know the right thing to do without making attempt to communicate to her. Often, some even enforce their lover to do or be

someone they have not seen themselves. It is very worse to be a man without having the image of how your wife should look like. For example, as a minister of the Gospel, I have an image of how my wife should look like. From my teenage years, I pictured that my wife must be prayerful, diligent with reading and learning, generous, possess high parenting skill, people oriented and should be vast at relating with different kinds of people, she should be able to speak in public, highly exposed, etc. These are the qualities I really desire that my wife should have. That's the image in my head from teenage age. Now, I knew that even if I got into relationship with someone who doesn't have these qualities, I have to find a way to transport these qualities into her. From experience, I have discover that God is faithful, He will always give you a wife that really fit into your wife.

A man will be making mistakes when he assumes that a woman should know or do something. Eventually, when your desires doesn't come to pass, then, you suddenly get angry at her. You must never assume that she should know. Every man needs to know that God doesn't give a finished product. He gives raw materials and when you put what is in you into her, you will have a finished product.

An effective way to influence the mind of your lover is to always give a prototype image of what

you want. Look in the world, look for an elderly woman that you really think will be a good model for your wife, then, find a way to get the details of that model woman to your lover.

Every Woman Needs to Learn This

As a woman or wife material, when dating, you must be regularly attuned to the desires and words of your lover – husband to be. Don't be deceived! You must not be like this in marriage. You need to find out the picture of the wife your lover really want and find a way to adjust and adapt into that picture. I am not talking about the picture of a social lifestyle that add no meaning to the essence of humanity. You know I have heard some men talked and all you hear from them is that “my wife must know how to swim”, “my wife must be good at sex”, “my wife must know how to massage”, etc. I am not talking about all these. If these are all your man talks about regularly, you are in relationship with the wrong person. You need to be in a relationship with someone who will stretch and expand you. You need someone who will inspire you to think, act, and grow bigger.

The key for women is to be submissive to their husband. You see all these boyfriend and girlfriend attitude and mentality will hinder your maturity. You need to begin to think as a wife now and begin to

learn the duties of a wife. Every woman must learn the act of submission and that should start from dating. I am not saying you should submit to your lover when he demands for illicit sex or immoral act. I am saying you need to adjust to whatever he suggest to you. You will have the heart of a man if you can submit to him. If you are the kind that always argue with your lover, you can't be submissive. Yes, you should share your perspective but not to argue. Any woman that argues too much with her lover is not a wife material. You must imbibe the discipline of submission. Submission is a proof of maturity. When dating a man, it is to know him better and for him to know you better. During the process, there will be demand he will make from you – he can demand you expose your mind to a place, read, stop relating with some friends, stop an habit, etc. it is your utmost duty to adapt and submit to the wish of your lover.

Sex Is Not Part of Dating

All kinds of things I have seen and heard in life. Since dating is about knowing each other, there would be some animals that want to know how good their lover is on bed. Nonsense! Some men often make demand from their lover to have some play. Wait! How will lovers who are trying to find out whether

they can both work things together consider sex to be play? That's complete insanity! Any man that make demand for sex as part of dating lack control over himself and as such, that is a sign to the lady that he is in with a weak person. And that weakness has to be dealt with. I am not even talking about the spiritual side of this – still dealing with the emotional side. I have heard a young man who told me that he ended up having sex with her lover on the demand of the lady. In other word, the lady seduced him and demanded for sex. That is a sign to the man too that the lady is weak.

Whether you like it or not, as long as there is chemistry between you and your lover, there will be the temptation to have sex with each other. This is not an evil things but a sign that you are complete and potent. That you now have the sex is what is evil. Now, sex is not evil if it is within the jurisdiction of marriage. But sex when dating is evil. You know I have to be direct and plain. Many may consider this religious but that is the truth. When you are married, if you like, have sex every minute or hour, that is really accepted! But the moment you are still dating, sex is not permitted. Let me ask, what if you later found out that both of you cannot continue the relationship and you had to break up, what will happen to the sex you have had? That is free gift, right? Or you call it a special offer? Let's be real.

You can do without sex when dating.

God is against sex outside marriage. It is not a religious statement. That is the truth. Sex when dating is referred to as fornication. I don't care your status, as long as you have sex when dating, you have fornicated. This is not condemning you but making it clear that sex should not be permitted when dating.

There is a grace that sustain lovers when dating. Anytime the temptation come, both of you need to be sincere with each other and find a way to avoid it immediately. You need to be real to each other. That is why both of you need to discuss about sex when dating earlier. You see if both lovers are in far distant environment apart from each other, they are saved. Distance can still cover up for each other. But when lovers see each other regularly, chemistry will connect and the urge for sex will arise. But if both lovers have discussed about sex and how to deal with it when any party has the urge, there will be safety. You must set boundaries for each other. You've got to know what to avoid to suppress immoral act.

Dear Woman: Prepare Yourself to Be Accountable to Your Husband

Few years ago, a lady who happened to be a daughter to me in the faith came to seek my counsel on a matter. Having listened to all she has to said, I asked, what the view of your fiancé is? She replied that “she hasn’t told him”. I later instructed her to go discuss with her fiancé and hear what he has to say. After few weeks, she contacted me to tell me what her fiancé suggested, and having viewed the suggestion from the lens of experience and wisdom, I realized that the fiancé gave the right suggestion. I later called her to go with the suggestion of her fiancé that it would work out. Why did I do that? I only prepare her heart to learn submission and accountability to her husband.

You see, your husband is your head and you must be submissive to him. Too many mentors and spiritual parents are disruptors of right orders. All mentors and spiritual parents need to know that any lady accountable to them is no longer accountable to them after wedding. I have daughters in the faith who are married now. The moment they are married, I no longer expect them to be accountable to me but to their husband and the mentor or spiritual authority their husbands are submitted to. A mentor or spiritual parent need to sincerely tell

any lady accountable to him that right from the day of wedding, there will be shift in accountability. The lady should be told to submit to her husband and the spiritual authority her husband is submissive to.

I have seen disagreement and contention of power in few families. Most husbands are often displeased at the way their wives still go to report matters to their former mentor or spiritual parents. Too many husbands do not like the situation where their wives still need to get permission from their former mentor before they make decisions. So, if any daughter in faith is married to a man, I may not want to entertain words from her but from her husband. It is wrong when a former mentor or spiritual parent of a lady relates with the wife of a man when that man has a mentor or spiritual parent he is submitted to.

Dear woman, after your wedding, anytime you need a counsel, go to the mentor or spiritual authority your husband is accountable to. Don't go to your former mentor except with the permission of your husband. I have seen how this little matter scattered some homes. It is not too advisable that the wife listen to a voice different from that of the husband. Both of you should cultivate the habit of listening to the mentor or spiritual parent of your husband. Going to listen to someone your husband is not submitted to is going out of your

covering. When husband and wife listen to the same voice, there won't be an issue. Eve fell because she listened to a voice different from what her husband was familiar with. Whoever God uses to feed your husband spiritually or mentally should be the one feeding you too.

This matter of submission is excluding intellectual matters. For example, if you have an academic mentor, maybe a professor in your field, that one has nothing to do with your husband. The mentor or spiritual parent I refer to here is whoever your husband is accountable to. There should be a personality and voice that your husband respects so much and obey. That is the voice you should relate your family matters to for counseling and guidance. You must avoid relating everything about your relationship or marriage to your friends except the ones that you have proven to be wise. Anyone your husband is accountable to is the person you should discuss about your husband with.

Insight for Mentors and Spiritual Parents

Dear mentor and spiritual parent, the moment a lady is married, she is not accountable to you again, but to her husband and the mentor or spiritual parents her husband is accountable too. If you mentored or disciplined a lady before she married, after wedding,

whenever she wants to get across to you again, learn to refer her to her husband.

You can call to check on her and her family, but stop expecting her to give you report of how things are in her family. She is not under you again but under her husband. For me, when any lady in our church get married to a man from another church, I no longer see that lady as someone under my spiritual authority. She now belongs to the spiritual authority over her husband. Whenever any married woman who was under your authority before comes to report her husband or family to you, just refer her to the pastor of husband's church. Trying to do anything is functioning outside the jurisdiction that God has allotted to you.

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1. HEALTH HISTORY - Genotype, Blood Group
2. YOUR BACKGROUND - Talk about parents, schools, personal upbringing.
3. YOUR RELATIONSHIP HISTORY IF ANY
-Talk about your past relationship, why did you not go further with the person, who was responsible for the separation, it lasted for how many months or years, etc.
4. LIMIT AND BOUNDARIES IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP - What are the things we must not do during dating, is kissing permitted? Is sex permitted? Can we sleep at the house of each other overnight? Can we touch any part of our body anyhow? Can we hug each other?
5. LESSONS YOU HAVE LEARNED FROM YOUR PARENTS - Lessons father figures have

taught you, lessons mother figures have taught you, their mistakes, their achievements, their patience and endurance, etc.

6. YOUR VISIONS (Personal) - Clearly share the picture of the future you have. How do you see yourself in five, ten years from now? What is that big picture you are really pursuing?
7. YOUR GOALS (Personal) - How do you want to accomplish this vision? When do you want to kick off? What method do you want to use to accomplish it?
8. BIGGEST FAILURES, PAST MISTAKES AND YOUR LESSONS - Freely share with each other.
9. SELF DEVELOPMENT - How can we develop ourselves? Books to read, videos to watch, teachings to listen to, the mentor to visit, etc. What is our growth plan?
10. ACCOUNTABILITY - Who is your mentor and spiritual parent? Tell me something about your mentor or spiritual parent! Who will be our mentor or spiritual parent when we are married?
11. LOVE LANGUAGE - Both of you should discuss from Gary Chapman's Five Love Languages.
12. EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION - Fix a day both of you will always meet, fix a time you talk

- on phone daily, have specific time for chatting.
13. PARENTING STYLE - How do you want to train your children? Will you cane them? Will you permit your children to visit parents of both parties? Will you permit your children to go on holiday with your siblings, family friend or siblings.
 14. FASHION INTEREST - How do you love to dress? How do you expect your husband or wife to dress?
 15. YOUR SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES - How will you manage your differences? How do we maximize our similarities?
 16. JOB / WORK / BUSINESS / CAREER - What are you doing now? What do you plan to do in few years time? How many streams of income do you plan to have? Mention them?
 17. TALK ABOUT FRIENDS, CLOSE AND DISTANT ONES - Do you have a best friend? Who is the person? What do you like about your friends?
 18. SPENDING HABIT - How do you spend money? Do you budget before spending? How can you improve your spending habit?
 19. PRESENT CHALLENGES AND HOW TO OVERCOME IT
 20. HOW DO YOU CONTROL ANGER? HOW DO YOU HANDLE OFFENCE WHEN OF-

FENDED?

21. HOW DO YOU FORGIVE?
22. ENVISION THE FUTURE TOGETHER -
How do you see the future?
23. PRIORITIES DURING DATING AND IN
MARRIAGE
24. SOCIAL INTEREST - Do you like partying,
traveling, going to cinema, swimming, etc.
25. POLITICAL INTEREST - Will you join pol-
itics? Would you take political appointment
when offered? Can you permit your spouse to
participate in political elections?
26. INTELLECTUAL INTEREST - Do you still
have plans to further your studies, get master's
degree or PhD? Do you have the plan to do
more professional courses?)
27. PLACES YOU LOVE TO VISIT BEFORE AND
AFTER WEDDING
28. SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES AND GROWTH -
How will you build consistency in prayers and
bible reading?
29. EXPECTATIONS IN MARRIAGE
30. DO's and DON'Ts OF THE FAMILY
31. EXPECTATION ABOUT HOUSEHOLD
CHORES - Are we going to have a maid that
will clean the house, do laundry, take care of
the kitchen, etc.
32. GENDER ROLE EXPECTATION - Responsi-

bilities as the man of the house. Responsibilities as the woman of the house.

33. FAMILY PLANNING - Number of kids, age difference between them, number of males and females (we know this is God's work, but let's just discuss it).
34. PLANS FOR KIDS - Names of kids, kind of schools (primary, secondary and tertiary), courses we desire they study but we will not force on them to study.
35. STRATEGIC LIFE PLAN FOR OUR CHILDREN - When are they going to marry? At what age will they enroll into school? At what age are they going to leave each school level?
36. HOW YOU WANT TO DISCIPLINE YOUR KIDS - Will you cane them?)
37. PERSONAL STRENGTH AND PERSONAL WEAKNESSES
38. HOW DO WE HANDLE RELOCATION?
39. IMPORTANCE OF AGREEMENT - Identify matters you agree on and the ones you haven't agreed on. Find out why you haven't agreed!
40. SETTING BOUNDARIES FOR THE OPPOSITE SEX - How would you feel if you see your lover with the opposite sex? Can you permit your lover to hug the opposite sex? How do you feel when an opposite sex is too intimate with your lover?

41. FOOD – Daily diet, food roster. Will you go with whatever your wife decides or prepares? Do you have selection of meal?
42. COMMITMENT TO CHURCH DUTIES
43. ASPECT OF YOUR DESIRED EXCELLENCE
44. THINGS WE WILL DO TOGETHER - Can we build separate houses? Can we buy separate cars?
45. WHAT YOU DESIRE I START DOING OR STOP - Things you want your partner to improve on.
46. FINANCE - What is your saving plan? Will you have joint account or separate account? What is your giving plan?
47. WEDDING PLAN - When do we plan to wed? How to notify parents; Date for introduction, engagement and wedding.
48. LOCATION AFTER MARRIAGE - Where do we plan to stay?
49. PLANS FOR MARRIAGE - Apartment, Settings, etc.
50. CHARACTER YOU ADMIRE IN EACH OTHER
51. THINGS YOU HAVE DONE THAT YOU ARE PROUD OF
52. WHAT YOU ADMIRE FROM PARENTS AND HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THEM

53. CULTURE AND VALUES OF YOUR NEW FAMILY
54. ENTERTAINMENT
55. LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX
56. HOW ABOUT EXTENDED FAMILY?
57. WILL YOU ACCEPT RELATIVES, SIBLINGS, PARENTS, MENTEES TO STAY WITH YOU?
58. IDENTIFY THINGS YOU NEED TO ACHIEVE BEFORE MARRIAGE
59. LET'S TALK ABOUT HONOR AND MUTUAL RESPECT
60. HOW DO WE HANDLE CRITICISM, HATRED AND HUMAN ENEMIES?
61. YOUR VIEW ABOUT A COUPLE SITTING TOGETHER IN PUBLIC
62. YOUR VIEW ABOUT A COUPLE HUGGING EACH OTHER IN PUBLIC
63. WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL LOVED?
64. DIVORCE - Your View
65. PLANS FOR SUPPORTING FAMILY MEMBERS FINANCIALLY
66. MUSIC, T.V, PROGRAMMES OF INTEREST
67. THE MOST IMPORTANT PROGRAMME FOR THE FAMILY
68. WEAKNESSES IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP
69. STRENGTH IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP
70. HOW DO WE HANDLE FAMILY FRIENDS?

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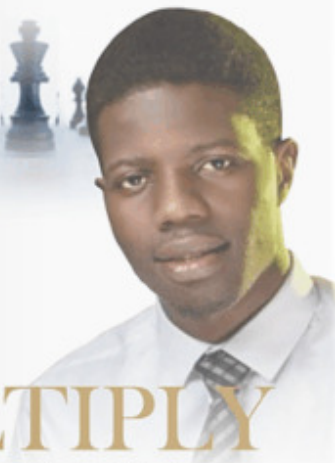
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