

# QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE THEY BUY THE RING

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1. Is your relationship really centered on Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_?
  - a. There is a huge difference between a cheap mental assent to “yes, I’m a Christian and Jesus Christ is God,” and a real relationship is defined in the New Testament where, “Jesus Christ is Lord.”
  - b. Does this person make you more \_\_\_\_\_ to know Jesus?
2. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ in four vital areas?
  - a. In your \_\_\_\_\_.
    - If you were the same sex, do you think you would choose that other person to be your closest friend?
  - b. In your \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Are you growing in your ability to deeply hear and understand each other?
  - c. In your \_\_\_\_\_ oneness.
    - How \_\_\_\_\_ do you talk about spiritual things?
    - Do you really love Jesus Christ more today as a result of your relationship together?
  - d. In your \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Are you growing in your desire for each other, not only sexually?
    - Are your \_\_\_\_\_ increasing?
    - Are you trying to make the relationship work even when your heart isn’t in it?
3. Are you both clear on your \_\_\_\_\_ as man and woman in the relationship?
  - a. Are you in real agreement on the role in a marriage of the husband and the wife?

- b. A wife has two major responsibilities: to \_\_\_\_\_ and submit to her husband.
- c. If you are a man, are you currently \_\_\_\_\_ in the relationship and are you the initiator?
4. Are other \_\_\_\_\_ really supportive of this relationship?
- a. Puppy love leads to a \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- b. Encourage them to ask \_\_\_\_\_ questions.
- c. Far too often young adults tend to ask relational council from only the friends and people who are going to tell them what they want to hear.
5. Is sexual desire playing too \_\_\_\_\_ or sometimes too \_\_\_\_\_ a part in your decision to get engaged?
- a. "Never let a fool kiss you or a kiss fool you."
- b. Is looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_ a primary motive for getting married?
- c. We shouldn't try to be more spiritual than God and marry somebody we are not excited about being intimate with.
6. Do you have a track record of \_\_\_\_\_ together biblically?
- a. Could you live \_\_\_\_\_ him or her?
- b. In a marriage if both of you agree \_\_\_\_\_ the time then one of you is not necessary.
- c. Do you try to solve problems with the "kiss and make up" philosophy?
7. Are you heading in the same direction in life in some of the major \_\_\_\_\_ points?
- a. Are you ready to leave your parents and \_\_\_\_\_ to the direction in life that the other person is going?

- b. If you are going to leave you've got to agree that you're willing to cleave in certain specific areas.
- c. How do you envision your shared life?
8. Have you taken into account any \_\_\_\_\_ differences that you have?
- a. Take into account and \_\_\_\_\_ some of your cultural differences before you decide you want to get married.
- b. As tragic as some \_\_\_\_\_ may be, they are real.
9. Do either one of you have \_\_\_\_\_ entanglements from past relationships or marriages?
- a. So many people bring the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of past relationships into the present even if they have never been married before.
- b. Now remarriage and divorce has become so cheap so we need to think through all of these issues and not act like they don't exist.
10. Do you really want to marry this person and spend the \_\_\_\_\_ of your life with them or are you more in love with love?
- a. If something tragic happened to them, is there enough relationship and communication there, you would still want to be with them.
- b. The decision to marry is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Can you see them being the mother or dad of your child?
- d. Don't make this a decision that is all heart and no \_\_\_\_\_, but don't make it a decision that is all head and no \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Answers:**

glory; hungry; growing; friendship; communication; spiritual; comfortably; romance; affections; biblical roles; respect; leading; key people; dog's; deep; big; small; sex; solving problems; without; all; crossroad; cleave; cultural; weigh; stereotypes; complicating; pieces; consequences; rest; choice; head; heart