

NEW LIFE

PREMARITAL APPLICATION

Date _____

Congratulations on your engagement! It is our desire to help you thrive and succeed in your relationship. To help us help you make the necessary investment in your marriage please complete the following in its entirety. We recognize the personal nature of some of these questions, but marriage, by nature, is very personal and these questions are an important part of your serious preparation for such an intimate relationship.

A \$200 fee is due at the time when application is turned in. (\$100 for those who serve on regular basis)

WEDDING DATE: _____

BRIDE: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: Zip: _____

Phone _____

Email: _____ Vocation: _____

GROOM: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____

Email: _____ Vocation: _____

Do you both attend the New Life Church, if not, what is your home church?

(We only officiate weddings of those who call New Life family)

History of your Faith

BRIDE:

1. Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Yes ___ No ___

When did you make this decision?

2. Briefly describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ:

3. Briefly state your views regarding the authority of the Bible and its place in your life:

GROOM:

1. Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Yes ___ No ___

If so, when did you make this decision?

2. Briefly describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ:

3. Briefly state your views regarding the authority of the Bible and its place in your life:

History of Your Relationship

1. How did you meet and how long have you been dating?
2. Are you engaged?
3. Are you currently or have you been sexually active with each other (your answer will not disqualify you from the class)?
4. Have you ever broken off your relationship with your fiancé? Yes ___ No ___
Why did this happen?
Why did you get back together?
5. Why are you deciding to marry one another?
6. Why do you believe your marriage will work?
7. What preparation for marriage have you had?
8. What do your parents or family think about your marriage plans?
9. What do your friends think about your marriage plans?

Prior Marriage History

1. Have either of you been married before? **Bride:** Yes ___ No ___ **Groom:** Yes ___ No ___
If so, were you widowed or divorced? Bride: _____ Groom: _____

2. If you were divorced, how did it end? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

3. Were you and your previous spouse Believers at the time of the divorce? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

4. When was your divorce finalized? Please give date.

Bride:

Groom:

5. Has your previous spouse remarried? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

6. What do you believe contributed to the breakdown of your previous marriage? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

7. How have you grown or changed since your last marriage?

Bride:

Groom:

8. Do you have any children from your previous marriage? If so, please give their ages.

Bride:

Groom:

9. What living arrangement has been determined for the children? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

10. Is this a good working relationship for all parties concerned? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

11. What do you understand to be your Biblical right to **re-marry**? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

Purity

From the world's viewpoint, maintaining sexual purity before marriage seems like cruel and unusual punishment. Many people consider it strange if a couple does not sleep together before they are married. "After all," they say, "shouldn't they find out whether they are sexually compatible?" However, God's word is very clear about how we ought to act as Christians. Please see the following verses that express God's perspective of sex.

(Exodus 20:14; 2 Timothy 2:22; Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:14-16; 2 Peter 1:5-7; Hebrews 13:4; Philippians 4:8; and Romans 16:19.)

Sexual purity is especially difficult during the engagement period. You have declared your commitment and you naturally want to consummate the relationship. You may even feel married at times. Yet what better opportunity to establish your relationship and build trust in one another by obeying God than on this key point.

Sexual purity means much more than not having sexual intercourse before marriage. Many couples avoid intercourse but are still sexually intimate. Look again at the verses previously mentioned. Scripture defines sexual purity as being morally excellent. And moral excellence means *being holy*. It means avoiding the appearance of evil. It means purity of thought as well as purity of deed. It means protecting one another's innocence from being stained by evil.

I Thessalonians 4:3-8 *"For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. Consequently, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you."*

I Corinthians 6:18-20 *"Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body."*

Acts 24:16 *"In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men."*

All Couples Must Comply to the Following:

Prerequisites:

1. Couples should abstain from living together prior to marriage, *if you currently do*; please find other living arrangements. (See 1 Thessalonians 5:22).
2. All couples must be legally divorced from prior marriages and currently single. (see Matthew 5:31-32 and I Corinthians 7).

Requirements:

- All Couples must complete all their assigned reading and homework on time.
- All Couples must arrive ten minutes early to their assigned class.
- All Couples must attend all Class Sessions.
- All Couples should abstain from being intimate till after the wedding
- The fee is due at time of application is received.

I pledge to show my love for my soon-to-be spouse in ways that allow both of us to maintain a clear conscience before God and each other.

Bride: _____
Date: _____

Groom: _____
Date: _____

Marriage Preparation Acknowledgment

The direction and intention of the New Life Church Marriage Preparation Policy and Program is to provide instruction based upon God's Word. We believe the Bible is the authority for every area and season of the marriage relationship including its preparation, its progress and its problems. Please read and sign the acknowledgement below.

The Premarital Mentor Couples who teach our classes are not therapists. Each Mentor Couple has been called by the Lord to be an instrument through which he/she can work in helping you prepare for marriage. It is their desire to help you build a strong personal relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ and to help you build a strong God-honoring relationship with your future spouse, as inspired by God's Spirit in His Word.

Furthermore, our Pastoral Staff and Marriage Mentors are not professional licensed counselors and cannot provide the assistance which such training offers. If you decide you need assistance beyond that which the class instruction provides, we're able to provide you with a list of licensed counselors to help meet your specific need.

BRIDE (Print Name) _____ Date: _____

Signature

GROOM (Print Name) _____ Date: _____

Signature
