

Finance, Parenting, Sexuality and Faith

--- Circle all that apply ---

1. I think we need to talk more about future financial security.

- a) yes b) no

2. Our children will be baptized in what church?

- a) mine b) his c) non

3. I would consider becoming an Orthodox Christian.

- a) yes b) no c) maybe

4. We have agreed where we will worship.

- a) yes b) no

5. How do you feel about credit cards?

- a) only have one to use on the internet
b) they should never be used – if you don't have the money, you shouldn't be shopping
c) they're great inventions
d) they are ok as long as you plan on paying up soon, before the high interest kicks in

6. A savings accounts is:

- a) a must b) a luxury

7. The checking account:

- a) is great for when you don't have any money, but will soon
b) should only be in one spouse's name
c) should be separate – one account for each spouse
d) should be in both names and have (2) checkbooks (or debit cards) going at the

same time so each spouse has one available at all times
e) should be in both names, but only have one spouse hold on to it

8. How large does a purchase have to be to need both spouses' consent?

- a) any purchase, except personal toiletries and food
b) over \$25
c) over \$50
d) other _____
e) it depends on what it is, and my spouse will know which things need my input and consent
f) if my spouse thinks we should have it, he/she should have the freedom to purchase without my consent or prior knowledge (but keep the receipt)

9. Would you prefer to start a family fairly soon after marriage or later on?

- a) sooner, it's easier when you are younger and have more energy and it would be better for communication (less generation gap)
b) later it's better to spend time alone with your spouse for a while and do things parents aren't able to do
c) prefer not to at all

10. What do you think of a working mother?

- a) only after the youngest child reaches ___ years old
b) against it – I'd rather have a lower income than have my kids raised in daycare

- c) only if a family member can baby sit
- d) only part-time
- e) all for it if the mother wants to
- f) only if there is a financial need
- g) only if she can work in the home

11. Sometimes I wish my partner was a little more:

- a) romantic
- b) spiritual
- c) humorous
- d) sensitive
- e) understanding
- f) relaxed
- g) patient
- h) open-minded
- i) responsive
- j) motivated
- k) supportive
- l) confident
- m) verbal
- n) trusting
- o) attentive
- p) my partner is perfect
- q) none of the above

12. Ideally, the number of kids I'd like to have is:

- a) 0
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) more than 3
- e) as many as the good Lord allows
- f) as many as we can afford

13. What do you think of birth control?

- a) I'd prefer the wife to take care of it
- b) I'd prefer the husband to take care of it
- c) it should be up to the spouse who wants fewer children
- d) don't believe in it at all

- e) doesn't matter to me who takes care of it as long as it works

14. How do you get along with (potential) in-laws?

- a) very well
- b) could be better
- c) don't see them enough to know

15. How does your partner get along with (potential) in-laws?

- a) very well
- b) could be better
- c) don't see them enough to know

16. How strong are your religious beliefs?

- a) I would die for my religion
- b) God and my faith will always come before my spouse and family
- c) I would be open to change my religion if my spouse felt strongly about it
- d) my spouse would have to change to my religion before marriage
- e) I don't belong to any organized religion
- f) it's ok if my spouse is a different religion

17. If your spouse has a different religion (or set of beliefs) than yourself, what religion would your kids be brought up in?

- a) mine
- b) if my spouse felt strongly about it, the kids can be raised in his/her religion
- c) the kids would be raised learning both religions and be allowed to choose for themselves at a certain age
- d) my spouse will not be a different religion than me
- e) I don't really care

18. I would like most of my children's religious/spiritual learning to come from:

- a) my spouse and I
- b) my spouse and I, but it would probably come more from my spouse than me
- c) my spouse and I, but it would probably come more from me than my spouse
- d) outside classes, books, educational TV

19. Discussing spiritual topics with your partner:

- a) feel uncomfortable
- b) comes easy
- c) frustrates me
- d) makes me feel closer to my partner
- e) does not occur

20. Do you feel you need continuous reassurance of your partner's love?

- a) yes, and I will ask for it if I don't get it
- b) yes, but I won't continually seek it
- c) yes, but my partner is good at giving it
- d) not really; if my partner seems distant, I might seek reassurance, but once I got it, I'd be fine
- e) no, I trust my partner's feelings won't change on a weekly basis even if we had an argument

21. Suppose your spouse wanted sex when you didn't.

- a) my spouse would want to wait until I am ready, so I would just ask for a different time
- b) I would do it anyway for fear he/she would feel rejected or get upset

c) I would do it anyway out of love and a desire to please

22. Are you aware of your partner's sexual desires and expectations?

- a) I think so
- b) not really

23. Who do you think would take care of most of the discipline?

- a) probably me
- b) probably my spouse
- c) equal – a team effort

24. Who do you think would be more strict?

- a) probably me
- b) probably my spouse
- c) equal

25. Do you think spanking a child is sometimes necessary?

- a) only up to a certain age
- b) only if a severe punishment is needed
- c) there's nothing wrong with mild spanking
- d) no, there are more effective ways to discipline

26. If one spouse was unable to have kids, I would be open to:

- a) foster parenting
- b) surrogate mother
- c) adoption
- d) artificial insemination
- e) adopt a different nationality
- f) adopt an infant only
- g) frequent trips to the zoo
- h) none of the above