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# Premarital Counseling Guide For Pastors

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*How to Counsel a Couple in 6 Sessions or Less* Abingdon Press

The Pre-Marriage Counselling Handbook with Master Outlines was written specifically for the African context on how to build a successful marriage. Covering topics such as: Getting to know your spouse Communication skills and conflict resolution Marriage vows What the Bible says about sex In-law relationships Financial home management Preparing a godly home for children Building a biblical foundation Designed as a seminar-in-a-book, A Pre-Marriage Counselling Handbook equips pastors and counselors to teach biblical premarriage classes and seminars. Sold as a two-volume set with handout masters allows teacher to copy class worksheets.

*Preparing for Marriage Leader's Guide* NavPress

Good preparation enables couples to take a first step together in facing their future challenges. While no one can smooth away all the rough spots in the marital road ahead, couples can be coached to pay attention to warning signs, see the bumps before they hit them, and deal more skillfully with inevitable conflicts. This book provides pastors with a framework and tools for this ministry. The good news is that you don't need any formal background in counseling, because the kind of work we're talking about isn't counseling—it's coaching—a coach who can help couples to respond positively to the differences between them. It's not about having the answers; but is it about helping couples manage difficulties before they become serious threats to the marriage.

*The Bible Teacher's Guide: Building Foundations for a Godly Marriage* Baker Books

A growing number of young people are so disillusioned with marriage that it is no longer even a desirable option for them. Preparing for Your Marriage prepares couples to enter into marriage with realistic expectations, developed roles, and with defined responsibilities and goals.

**Preparing Couples for Marriage** Westminster John Knox Press

Are you looking for a sense of confidence before the marriage ceremony? The Bride, the Groom, and the Counselor - it does take three to set solid footings under a marriage. A leading guide for laying that foundation has now been updated and enlarged. Features in Three To Get Ready include a biblical overview of the task of preparing two people for marriage, worksheets, wedding planning guide, and consultant's handbook. Bible studies and psychological inventory questions make this volume a valuable tool for pastors and counselors, or a personal resource for engaged couples. A book that should be found on the 'most used shelf' of every pastor and counselor who is concerned to provide preventive counseling before couples embark on the voyage of marriage. D. James Kennedy

*Ready to Wed* Augsburg Books

Christian Premarital Counseling for counselors. The question is, "How does one conduct premarital counseling?" Many have not received any training in this area. I faced this same problem. As a pastor, I had to figure out how to conduct premarital counseling. The benefits were plainly evident.

Session by session, couple by couple, I finally figured out a plan. I have since then enhanced it a bit and made it available to others. Everything one needs is here including handouts and forms with many downloads to enhance use in our internet age. Purpose: To aid pastors, elders and other church leaders involved in premarital counseling to challenge and prepare engaged couples to have good and godly marriages.

**Three to Get Ready** Augsburg Books

Offers a biblical perspective on the explosive and growing social phenomena of couples moving in together instead of marrying - a common trend even among Christian couples. Full of biblical, practical, and competent help for those who minister to and counsel unwed couples.

*Catching Foxes* Btg Publishing

"How to Counsel a Couple in 6 Sessions or Less" makes it easier to counsel couples over a brief period of time, but also addresses major marital issues of communication, family issues, decision making and more. This highly practical resource for pastors - or anyone in ministry - can be used with "The Marriage Checkup Questionnaire" or as a stand alone tool for quickly diagnosing problems and referring couples to a professional, as necessary.

*Christian Premarital Counseling* Multnomah

You CAN build a strong and lasting marriage! Even if you have pre-marriage counseling with your pastor, this book is an excellent and richly rewarding experience for both of you to share! --The Publisher To build a strong, lasting marriage Christian couples need a solid, scripturally based foundation. Called Together is an excellent resource that includes both pre- and post-marital counseling for couples considering a lifetime commitment. Working through key topics ranging from finances to parenting, Called Together encourages honesty and open communication, tackling tough issues faced by all couples in the first year of marriage. Whether you are considering marriage or remarriage or you counsel those who are, Called Together supplies down-to-earth advice and biblical wisdom on how to: Be certain that God has called you together. Interact constructively in verbal and nonverbal ways. Prepare a realistic budget. Relate sexually to your partner. Plan a God-honoring ceremony. Have a sensational honeymoon. The delicate subject of remarriage is also addressed, as well as intercultural and interracial marriages. You will receive help and hope for virtually every marital conflict or situation. Start building your everlasting marriage today!

*Premarital Counseling* Baker Books

Discover the Keys to a Healthy Stepfamily Leading stepfamily expert Ron L. Deal reveals the seven fundamental steps to blended family success and provides practical, realistic solutions to the issues you face as a stepfamily. Whether married or soon-to-be-married, you'll discover how to · Solve the everyday puzzles of stepparenting and stepchildren relationships · Communicate effectively with an ex-spouse · Handle stepfamily finances confidently · "Cook" your stepfamily slowly rather than expect an instant blend This revised and expanded edition has updated research and two new chapters with even more real-world advice on topics such as stepsibling relationships and later-life stepfamilies.

**Opening the Door** Moody Publishers

Right from the Start

**Preparing Couples for Love and Marriage** Faithtrust Institute

Choosing a mate. Faithfulness. Maintaining healthy communication. Sexual intimacy. Blended families. Forgiving each other. Career and family goals. The challenges of infertility. Disagreements over parenting styles. The stress of money and finances. Aging and retirement. Couples face an enormous variety of challenges over the course of a marriage--including maintaining the marriage itself. Quick Scripture Reference for Counseling Couples is just what struggling couples--and those who counsel them--need. In a convenient spiral binding, this helpful resource makes the power, encouragement, and hope of Scripture accessible to pastors and counselors as they guide couples, both through premarital counseling sessions and when they hit those inevitable rough patches in marriage.

*Living Together* Baker Books

Many pastors and lay counselors have had minimal training in clinical methods of grief counseling. *Helping Those in Grief* is a biblical, practical guide to pastoral counseling written by one of the most respected Christian therapists of our time. This book is the next step after Wright's best-selling *The New Guide to Crisis and Trauma Counseling*. Wright brings more than 40 years of clinical and classroom experience to this topic, and shares real-life dialogs from his private practice to demonstrate healthy, healing counseling sessions. Readers will learn how to counsel and coach both believers and non-believers who are grieving, how to walk alongside them and how to help them find the path to complete restoration.

*A Marriage Manual for Church Weddings* Kregel Academic

A critical interdenominational resource for Christian pastors and counselors seeking to prevent domestic violence. A must-have, step-by-step resource for every Christian minister who provides premarital counseling. Assists clergy in discussing domestic violence in the context of premarital counseling. Highly adaptable to any current premarital structure.

*Building Your Marriage Upon the Rock* Zondervan

*Build a Love that Lasts* At a time when more people are delaying marriage or writing it off altogether, those ready to walk the aisle will appreciate a frank and trusted resource to help them start marriage on the right foot. This practical guide will help you explore your relationship in depth and will provide new insight into your partner and how the two of you relate to one another establish your wants and needs as individuals and a couple before your marriage begins lay the groundwork for open and honest conversation for a stronger, healthier marriage reveal how life events and family background can influence decision making in finances, family, education, faith, and career engage you in activities that lead to thought-provoking discussion addressing your past experiences and current expectations Engaging and easy-to-use, *Before You Say "I Do"* is full of tried and true wisdom to help you plan for your future and build a lasting relationship with the one you love.

**The Premarital Counseling Handbook** Moody Publishers

We all know of families or marriages in crisis. When those suffering in such situations turn to us for help, where do we turn? The Quick-Reference Guide to Marriage and Family Counseling provides the answers. It is an A-Z guide for assisting people--helpers--pastors, professional counselors, youth

workers, and everyday believers--to easily access a full array of information to aid them in (formal and informal) counseling situations. Issues addressed by Clinton and Trent include affairs and adultery, communication in marriage, parenting, sibling rivalry, and many more. Each of the forty topics covered follows a helpful eight-part outline and identifies: 1) typical symptoms and patterns, 2) definitions and key thoughts, 3) questions to ask, 4) directions for the conversation, 5) action steps, 6) biblical insights, 7) prayer starters, and 8) recommended resources. About the series *The Quick-Reference Guides* are A-Z guides that assist people--helpers--pastors, professional counselors, youth workers, and everyday believers--to easily access a full array of information to aid them in (formal and informal) counseling situations. Each of the forty topics covered follows a helpful eight-part outline and identifies: 1) typical symptoms and patterns, 2) definitions and key thoughts, 3) questions to ask, 4) directions for the conversation, 5) action steps, 6) biblical insights, 7) prayer starters, and 8) recommended resources.

**Preparing for Your Marriage** Baker Books

It can be tempting, for couples who are engaged, to focus on planning their wedding day and ignore preparations for the lifetime commitment that begins after the cake is cut. Now, with this revised and updated edition of *Preparing for Marriage* from FamilyLife, couples can do both! Created by one of America's leading marriage and family ministries, this dynamic program is designed to help Christian couples lay the foundation for a strong, lasting and biblical marriage. *Preparing for Marriage* includes eight sessions of fun, romantic study that will help couples identify areas for growth in their relationship and start them off on the right foot before they walk down the aisle. Couples will learn how to discern God's will for their relationship, to handle finances and plans for the future, to clarify their roles and responsibilities, to develop a loving sexual relationship, to deal with family histories and past issues, and much more!

*The Complete Guide to Crisis & Trauma Counseling* P & R Publishing

This workbook helps engaged couples explore their expectations, potentially troublesome issues and the meaning and challenges of marriage. Effective for pastors and counselors to use in premarriage counseling.

**Becoming Married, Staying Married** Gospel Light Publications

Pastors and counselors regularly minister to people whose marriages or families are in crisis. Tempers run high and feelings are brought low when a marriage is hurting or a family is in disarray. Pastors and counselors need practical, biblical help in order to connect their theological training to the reality of modern messy relationships. These how-to training manuals provide relevant, user-friendly equipping for pastors, counselors, lay leaders, educators, and students, enabling them to competently and compassionately relate God's Word to marriage and family life.

**Humility** Focus Pub

Why Are Foxes on the Cover of this Premarital Guide? Because every marriage has "foxes" lurking inside it! We all have idols and selfish appetites--and, like the foxes in Solomon's vineyard, they can cause untold destruction and heartache. In fact, how seriously a couple takes their own foxes will influence whether their marriage blooms and glorifies God, or is a shallow and pale imitation of the real thing. In this workbook for both individuals and groups, biblical counselor John Henderson stimulates meaningful conversation and prayer between engaged couples. The book's interactive

format provides couples with a foundation for understanding what marriage is really about, becoming a godly husband or wife, and understanding conflict and resolving it biblically. Sit down together, ask a married couple to come alongside you, and get ready to chase the foxes out of your relationship. Book jacket.

*Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts* Harvest House Publishers

Point Them in the Right Direction Before They Walk Down the Aisle Married couples begin their lives together with a vow of lifelong love and devotion . . . but many walk down the aisle unaware of all that promise entails. Now you can help engaged couples make their vows with open eyes and hearts, fully prepared for the hard and rewarding work of building a strong and lasting Christian marriage. Created by FamilyLife, one of America's leading marriage and family ministries, *Preparing*

for Marriage is a dynamic, comprehensive premarital education program designed to lay the foundation for biblical, fulfilling marriage. As a supplement to *Preparing for Marriage*, the *Preparing for Marriage Leader's Guide* is an invaluable tool for pastors, premarital counselors, mentor couples, and small group leaders. Inside is everything you need to help engaged couples establish a lasting relationship built on an unshakable foundation: Jesus Christ. The *Preparing for Marriage Leader's Guide* will help you:

- Counsel an engaged couple or lead a small-group study for couples
- Share God's unique blueprints for marriage and the home
- Help couples discern God's will for their relationship
- Provide practical guidance on finances, responsibilities, and intimacy
- Evaluate a couple's readiness for marriage after counseling
- Create a mentoring couples program and develop mentoring relationships
- Build healthy, Christ-centered marriages in the Church

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