

INTRODUCTION

A Wedding is a Day, a Marriage Is a Lifetime!

GOAL: Welcome and Introduction to the Engaged Encounter Podcast.

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In the first part of this podcast, you will meet the two couples who will present this nine-podcast series, and they will share the format each episodes will follow.

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of presenting team
3. Nuts and Bolts
4. How the Podcast works
5. Encouragement

Note: Ron and Carol Werker and Dan and Nancy Spearow are the speakers on the podcast. They are not here as marriage counselors or public speakers. They will be sharing some guidelines and living examples and interactions from their personal lives.

BEGINNING OUR JOURNEY

GOAL: To look at each of us as individuals and understand the importance of communication and trust as we share with each other.

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In this podcast, the focus is on each of us as individuals, rather than on us as a couple. This is crucial, because who we are and how we see ourselves profoundly affects the way we relate to each other.

Luke 10:27, "Love ... your neighbor as yourself."

1. THE KEYS TO A MEANINGFUL ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
 - a. Honesty
 - b. Acceptance
 - c. Trust
 - d. Communication

Notes:

1. PERSONALITY SURVEY (on the next page)
2. RESPONSE TO THE SURVEY
3. PERCEIVED STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES
4. IMPORTANCE AND RISKS OF OPEN COMMUNICATION

PERSONALITY SURVEY

Indicate where you see yourself and where you see your fiancé on the scale between the two opposites. There are no wrong or right answers, only personality traits.

Example: outgoing - X - - - reserved. (More outgoing than reserved).

How do I see *myself*?

outgoing	-	-	-	-	-	reserved
procrastinator	-	-	-	-	-	prompt
domineering	-	-	-	-	-	submissive
cautious	-	-	-	-	-	trusting
reserved	-	-	-	-	-	affectionate
shy	-	-	-	-	-	confident
calm	-	-	-	-	-	excitable
spender	-	-	-	-	-	economical
planner	-	-	-	-	-	spontaneous
quiet	-	-	-	-	-	outgoing
critical	-	-	-	-	-	tolerant
indifferent	-	-	-	-	-	sympathetic
independent	-	-	-	-	-	dependent
perceptive	-	-	-	-	-	unobservant
social	-	-	-	-	-	private
timid	-	-	-	-	-	bold
organized	-	-	-	-	-	carefree
revengeful	-	-	-	-	-	forgiving
listener	-	-	-	-	-	talker
lazy	-	-	-	-	-	workaholic
never volunteer	-	-	-	-	-	over committed
casual	-	-	-	-	-	formal
comedian	-	-	-	-	-	serious
religious	-	-	-	-	-	atheist
moody	-	-	-	-	-	stable
patient	-	-	-	-	-	hurried

How do I see my *fiancé*?

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MAKE THIS A SPECIAL TIME IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP

1. Choose the most appropriate/difficult question below to begin writing. (Select just one question.)
2. Write for the full suggested time of 15 minutes.
3. Discuss for the full suggested time of 15 minutes.

QUESTION OPTIONS:

- 1) What aspects of your personality will I find the easiest to respect and affirm?
- 2) Because I need and trust you so much, I want your help in specific ways to overcome these weaknesses I see in my personality.
- 3) What specific personal characteristics do I see in myself that make it more difficult for you to love me?
- 4) What things about myself – thoughts, feelings, actions, fantasies, do I find difficult to reveal to you? (Positive things as well as negative).
- 5) What areas have I found it a risk to share with you? Write on as many as you can in detail. Start with the areas where you are the least open, such as:
 - a) Fear of failure
 - b) Responsibilities of marriage
 - c) Roles in marriage
 - d) Sex
 - e) Children
 - f) Religion
 - g) In-Laws
 - h) Drinking and drugs
 - i) Careers-yours & mine
 - j) Security
 - k) The way you treat me
 - l) Friends
 - m) Other areas
- 5) Do I think you listen to me openly? Be specific. Do I listen to *you* openly?

