
Addendum 3: IDEAS FOR COURTSHIP QUESTIONS

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Personality

1. What are your favorite foods?
2. What foods do you dislike?
3. What is your favorite band? Movie? Book?
4. How would you describe your personality?
5. Which do you enjoy more – being with a small group of intimate friends or a large group of many friends?
6. What is your vision of an ideal, perfect day? (Places, activities, people?)
7. Do you have any hobbies?
8. Do you snore?
9. Do you like pets?

Past History

1. How and when were you saved?
2. What has God used most in your life to grow you and draw you to him?
3. What positive influence have your parents had on you? How would you imitate their example?
4. What negative influence have they had on you? (Humbly and respectfully of course!)
5. What friends have had the greatest impact on your life?
6. What other people have impacted your life?
7. What was the most painful thing that ever happened to you?
8. What was the happiest thing that ever happened to you?

Doctrine

1. What are your views on the 5 Points of Calvinism?
2. What impact does prayer have in the Christian life?
3. How does God's sovereignty affect your daily lives?
4. Does God speak to us? How does he reveal his will for your lives?
5. What are your views on roles of husbands' and wives' as taught in Scripture?
6. Is there a couple who has modeled this for you?
7. How does a husband lead his wife and family?
8. How does he love his wife as Christ loved the Church?
9. How does a wife help and submit to her husband?

Calling & Vocation

1. What are your dreams and hopes in life?
2. What are your fears in life?
3. What do you believe is God's calling on your life?
4. Do you see full-time ministry as something God may call you to?
5. What is your vision for your career?
6. What excites and interests you about your career choice?
7. If you had to choose between working long hours for higher pay, or spending more time with your family and less pay, which would you choose?
8. What do you think about a wife going to or finishing college?
9. What do you think about a wife having a career or working part-time?

Christian Walk

1. What are you currently reading in your devotions?
2. What is something that God has been teaching you lately?
3. What do you feel your character strengths are?
4. What weaknesses and areas of sin have you historically struggled with?
5. How are you seeking to grow in these areas?
6. What gifts/talents do you believe God has given you?
7. What do you think will be your greatest struggle in marriage?
8. What do you think will be your greatest strength?
9. How would you describe your devotional life and its role/effect on your life?

Conflicts

1. What would you do in word and deed if we were to have an unresolved conflict?
2. What about a recurring conflict?
3. How do you normally respond to conflict/offense? (Withdrawal, anger, bitterness?)
4. How do you view what your role as a husband would be in your wife's sanctification?
5. What are your thoughts on sharing conflicts or marital problems with friends?

Church Life

1. How do you view your commitment to the local church?
2. Is family or church a higher priority? (Involvement in ministry, meetings, etc.)
3. How do you view your commitment to Sovereign Grace Ministries?
4. Would you consider moving somewhere there is not a Sovereign Grace church?
5. What ministries do you foresee you being involved in?
6. Would you consider beginning with less ministry involvement to focus on building a strong marriage for a season?

Family

1. How many children would you like to have?
2. More boys or more girls?
3. How soon would you want to have children?
4. How do you feel about adoption?
5. Do you want to homes school?
6. Is public school an option?
7. Have you thought much about how you will train/discipline/raise your children one day?
8. What are your thoughts on media in the family?
9. Are finances/budgeting a shared responsibility?

In-Laws

1. How do you picture our relationship with our families being if we were to get married?
2. How much of a priority would they be?
3. What extent of influence would their advice/desires have on your leadership?
4. What does “leave and cleave” mean?

Friends

1. Who are your closest friends?
2. What friends hold you accountable the most?
3. What priority are friendships in married life?
4. How would you want to spend time with them in married life? (Hospitalities, as couples, individually?)
5. Any comments on my current friendships?
6. Who should our friendships be with? (Church versus work, Care Group versus anybody?)
7. What should our friendships with the opposite sex be like?
8. Does this change if you are married?