

20 Questions For Your Spouse

(For Your Dinner Date)

Suggested Guidelines: Allow the topics to raise additional questions that you may want to explore, but keep the mood and focus positive. Listen more than you talk. Offer encouragement and a listening ear. Refuse to allow this to become an argument or time for you to criticize. Let this be a time for your spouse to express themselves.

Personal

- * What is your greatest hope or dream?
- * What do you enjoy the most about your life right now?
- * What do you enjoy the least about your life right now?
- * What would your dream job be if you could do anything and get paid for it?
- * What are some things you've always wanted to do but haven't had the opportunities yet?
- * What three things would you like to do before the next year passes?
- * Who do you feel the most "safe" being with? Why?
- * If you could have lunch with anyone in the world, who would it be and why?
- * When was the last time you felt filled with joy?
- * If you had to give away a million dollars, who would you give it to?

Marital

- * What are three things that I do that you really like?
- * What are three things that I do that drive you crazy?
- * What have I done in the past that made you feel loved?
- * What have I done that made you feel unappreciated?
- * What are three things that I can work on?
- * Of the following things, what would make you feel most loved?
 - Having your body massaged and caressed for an hour
 - Sitting and talking for an hour about your favorite subject
 - Having help around the house for an afternoon
 - Receiving a very nice gift
 - Hearing encouragement about how appreciated you are
- * What things in the past do you wish could be erased from ever happening?
- * What is the next major decision that you think God would want us to make as a couple?
- * What would you like your life to look like five years from now?
- * What words would you like to hear from me more often?

The Locks: Ten Things That Block Prayer

- 🔒 Praying without Knowing God through Jesus - John 14:6
- 🔒 Praying from an Unrepentant Heart - Psalm 66:19
- 🔒 Praying for Show - Matthew 6:5
- 🔒 Praying Repetitive, Empty Words - Matthew 6:7-8
- 🔒 Prayers Not Prayed - James 4:2
- 🔒 Praying with a Lustful Heart - James 4:3
- 🔒 Praying while Mistreating Your Spouse - 1 Peter 3:7
- 🔒 Praying while Ignoring the Poor - Proverbs 21:13
- 🔒 Praying with Bitterness in Your Heart toward Someone - Mark 11:25-26
- 🔒 Praying with a Faithless Heart - James 1:6-8

The Keys: Ten Things That Make Prayer Effective

- ➡ Praying by Asking, Seeking, and Knocking - Mathew 7:7-8, 11
- ➡ Praying in Faith - Mark 11:24
- ➡ Praying in Secret - Mathew 6:6
- ➡ Praying according to God's Will - 1 John 5:14
- ➡ Praying in Jesus' Name - John 14:13-14
- ➡ Praying in Agreement with Other Believers - Matthew 18:19-20
- ➡ Praying while Fasting - Acts 14:23
- ➡ Praying from an Obedient Life - 1 John 3:21-22
- ➡ Praying while Abiding in Christ and His Word - John 15:7
- ➡ Praying while Delighting in the Lord - Psalm 37:4

Materials adapted from the following sources:

- ♦ *The Love Dare Bible Study* by Michael Catt, Alex Kendrick, and Stephen Kendrick
- ♦ *The Love Dare* by Stephen and Alex Kendrick with Lawrence Kimbrough
- ♦ *Fireproof Your Marriage Participant's Guide* by Jennifer Dion

Save the Date

This Love Dare will end
with a couples' date night.
All are invited to attend.
Saturday, March 13, 2010
at 7:00 pm
More details coming soon!

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