

PARENTING QUESTIONNAIRE

A child is a gift from God. This tiny person who enters your family and your hearts becomes a reflection of the creative dimensions of your love. Becoming responsible for the upbringing of another is truly awesome. There are moments of great Joy, but also moments that test your patience, understanding, and stamina. Being good parents requires that spouses work together at raising children. Compare your attitudes toward children with your future spouse's by answering the questions and completing the activity below. Discuss your answers with your fiancée.

1. Do you want children? If so, Why? _____

2. Do you enjoy being with children? If so, why? _____

3. About how many children do you want and when? _____

4. Which of your parents do you think you will be most like in your parenting? How would you be like that parent? _____

5. How would you want to raise your children differently from the way your parents raised you? _____

6. What do you foresee as the greatest challenges of parenthood today?

7. What would you expect from your future spouse as a parent? _____

8. Together with your future spouse, talk to some parents you know (friends or relatives) in a general way about what they have discovered by being parents. What are the challenges? What are the rewards? Discuss with each other what you find?