

HANDOUT SPECIAL MODULE

for marriage preparation course only

Attributes of person who is a suitable lifelong partner

- You are both born again Christians
- You both have the attributes listed in module one recognising that no one is perfect
- You are mutually attracted to each other

Do not get married simply to resolve one of these issues in one or both of your lives

- Lust
- Escaping unhappy home
- Seeking financial security
- Overcoming loneliness
- Following cultural customs
- Becoming pregnant before marriage

The compatibility test

What is important is that you are agreed before marriage that your 'vision' for your marriage is compatible. You may both be Christians, both have wonderful characters and be physically attracted to each other but be incompatible.

To help in ensuring that you are compatible, you should consider the below together before you are married.

Parenting - small or big family/attitude to birth control/issues relating to discipline ...

Family - views about dowries/family traditions/attitude towards extended family...

Daily life - splitting of household chores/doing your 'own thing' when relaxing.....

Money - do you want a budget/ are you a saver or a spender/do you pool money or not/attitude to debt....?

Sex - are you both comfortable about your current level of sexual intimacy before you get married/ What are your expectations of your sexual relationship within marriage?

Spirituality - your joint Christian walk together/ your hopes for future ministry (together or different)

• **Conflict** - are there any issues you are disagreeing about at the moment and you need to resolve before your wedding day?