

Dearly Beloved: We are gathered here today, in the presence of God and of these witnesses to unite this man and this woman in holy matrimony. We are here to celebrate and share in the blessing of this couple that God is about to give. They are about to enter into the holy and sacred estate of marriage.

This marriage relationship is honorable and sacred, established by our Creator in the garden of Eden, and sanctioned by Jesus at the wedding in Cana when He performed His first miracle recorded in the Gospel of John.

Your attendance and participation here today, signifies your endorsement and blessing on this great occasion. Thank you for joining us today.

GIVING OF THE BRIDE

Being assured that your love, and your choice of each other, as lifelong companions are in God's will, and that you have your families' blessings.

I now ask. Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

BRIDE'S FATHER

"Her mother and I do."

(Bride's father places her hand in Groom's hand and is seated)

[In the Bible a woman named Ruth made this proclamation –](#)

She said...Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

It is that kind of commitment that brings this couple here today.

DECLARATION

" The apostle Paul compared the relationship between husband and wife to that between Christ and the church. Marriage is a decision of two individuals to share the same type of pure, Christian love described by him in 1 Corinthians chapter 13.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails....

" This kind of love will enrich each part of your lives and your marriage.

In the book of Genesis, we read that The LORD God made man from the dust of the ground, and put him in the Garden to work it and take care of it. Then the LORD said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep and created Eve from his side. Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; and for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Ecc 4:9 - Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: ¹⁰ If one falls down, the other can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! ¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? ¹² Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

The both of you should build this bond with each other as a couple.

And together you should build up this bond between you and God.

He will support you, teach you, and lead you if you will build this bond with Him.

_____ (GROOM). are you ready to enter into this marriage with _____ (BRIDE), believing the love you share and your faith in each other will endure all things?"

GROOM

"I am."

_____ (BRIDE), are you ready to enter into this marriage with _____ (GROOM), believing the love you share and your faith in each other will endure all things?"

BRIDE

"I am."

MARRIAGE VOWS

_____ do you take _____ to be your wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in holy matrimony? Do you promise to love her, to honor and cherish her, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, and to be a good and faithful husband as long as you both shall live?"

GROOM

"I do."

_____, do you take _____ to be your wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in holy matrimony? Do you promise to love him, to honor and cherish him, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, and to be to him a good and faithful wife as long as you both shall live?"

BRIDE

"I do."

WITH GROOM REPEATING

" I, _____, take thee, _____, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part. According to God's holy ordinance.

WITH BRIDE REPEATING

" I, _____, take thee, _____, to be my wedded husband. to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part. According to God's holy ordinance.

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

" In this Christian custom and tradition, we will exchange rings as a symbol of unending and continuous love. These rings have no end, and so your love should have no end. These rings are made of precious, refined metals symbolizing purity, so should your marriage have the same purity. As often as either of you see them, you will be reminded of this moment and the endless love you promised to each other."

_____, what token do you give to signifies these vows?

(Groom places ring on Bride's finger.)

GROOM REPEATING

With this ring, I thee wed, and with all my worldly goods,
I thee endow, I pledge my life, as long as we both shall live.

BRIDE REPEATING

With this ring, I thee wed, and with all my worldly goods,
I thee endow, I pledge my life, as long as we both shall live.

Light Unity Candle

These two candles represent two separate lives. The joining together of two individuals to live together as one is shown by the lighting of one mutual candle. This represents the new unified family which is being created today.

(Bride & Groom light candle)

(Bride and Groom join right hands.)

DECLARATION OF THE MARRIAGE

"What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.
Forasmuch as _____ and _____ have consented together in holy matrimony, and have witnessed the same before God and this company and have pledged their love and loyalty to each other, and have declared the same by the joining and the giving of rings, I, therefore, by the authority God and of this state, pronounce you are now husband and wife.

_____ you may now kiss your Bride.

"I now present to you Mr and Mrs _____.

Reception following.....

Wedding Ceremony Order of Service:

Time:	Event:	Details:	Whom:
_____	Music while crowd arrives	_____	
_____	Wedding processional	_____	
	or entrance of the bride and groom, and wedding party if applicable		
_____	Special song?	_____	
_____	Poem, or reading from the Bible?	_____	
_____	Vows	traditional or personal	(Pastor)
_____	Rings	exchange	(Pastor)
_____	Prayer / Blessing to sanction the marriage		(Pastor)
_____	first Kiss as married couple		(Bride and Groom)
_____	Recessional music	_____	
_____	Introduction of couple, reception to follow at	_____	

* Attendants or witnesses to sign the wedding certificate or marriage license

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF _____ COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISCLOSURE OF PREMARITAL COUNSELING

ML- _____ - _____

We hereby attest that _____, a resident of _____
(Full name of Bride) (Street Address)
_____ and _____, a resident of _____
(City, State and Zip Code) (Full Name of Groom)

_____ attended a
(Street Address) (City, State and Zip Code)
premarital counseling program conducted by _____.

The program was _____ hour(s) in length.

(A minimum of four (4) hours of marriage education curriculum is required).

The training must be conducted by a health professional, an official representative of a religious institution or a person trained by the principal authors or duly authorized agents of the principal authors of nationally recognized marriage education curriculum including, but not limited to, Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP).

The certificate of completion of this program must be attached or the person conducting the counseling must sign the document below.

(Signature of Bride)

(Signature of Groom)

I hereby attest that I performed the counseling described above.

(Signature of Counselor)

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

PRE Marital Counseling - GENERAL QUESTIONS :

1. When you're upset or angry about something your partner does or fails to do, do you find it easy to tell her/him about it?
2. Can you reveal your weaknesses and worries to your partner without fear of embarrassment, criticism or judgment?
3. Do you check with each other about money concerns that affect both of you? When it comes to finances, do you usually agree on what to spend your money on?
4. Who will pay the bills and keep the checkbook?
5. What are your convictions about the use of credit cards?
6. What are your convictions about other debts (car loans, mortgages, etc.)?
7. Do you believe that your partner understands the importance of the work that you do and respects the time you need to do it?
8. How will you make decisions once you are married?
9. Do you discuss important decisions and the impact they will have on both of you?
10. Are your needs for intimacy being met?
11. Do you find that agreements you've made can be altered without huge upset?
12. Where do you want to live?
13. In what setting would you want to live (i.e. city, suburb, small town, rural, plains, mountains, desert, coastal, etc.)?
14. What do you expect your standard of living to look like after five years of marriage?
15. Who will prepare each meal? What types of food will you eat?
How often do you want to eat out?
16. How clean do you want your home to be? What does "clean" mean to you?
17. Who will do each of the following?
 - Laundry & ironing -Purchasing groceries -Automobile maintenance
 - Home repairs and yard work -General household cleaning
 - Cleaning bathrooms -Making the bed
18. Do you want a pet in the home? If so, what type?
19. Do you want to have children? If so, how many and when do you want to start?
20. What would you do if you cannot conceive children of your own?
What is your view on adoption? What is your view on birth control?
21. If you do have children, who will be the primary nurturer/caregiver of your children?

22. How will you discipline your children?
23. How often do you want to invite people to your home?
24. What kind of entertaining do you expect to do (formal, informal, lavish or simple)?
25. What will be the role of television in your lives and what guidelines will you have?
26. What about movies?
27. How will your personal friendships change after marriage?
28. How will you relate to opposite-sex friends?
29. What hobbies or recreational pursuits will you pursue individually? Together? How often will you pursue them?
30. How do you feel about having alcoholic beverages in your home?
31. Where will you spend major holidays? How will you decide?
32. What expectations do you have for celebrating holidays?
33. What expectations do you have for religion in your life?
34. What will you do during your vacations?
35. How will you celebrate birthdays and anniversaries?
36. How much will you spend on gifts for family, friends and each other?
37. How will you spend your weekends?
38. How do you think your relationship to your parent(s) will change after you are married?
39. How much time do you anticipate spending with your parents and in-laws?
40. What other relatives do you expect to be involved in your life? How?
41. How involved do you want your parents and in-laws to be in your children's lives? How will you accomplish this?

5 LOVE Languages:

check which one is most important to you: (what I want my partner to give me)

- 1. words of affirmation
 - 2. quality time
 - 3. receiving gifts
 - 4. acts of service
 - 5. physical touch
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How do I want them to apologize?

- 1. expressing regret
- 2. accepting responsibility
- 3. making restitution
- 4. genuine repentance / willing to change
- 5. requesting forgiveness / desire for restoration

check which areas are most important to me:

- Affection
 - Sexual Fulfillment
 - Conversation
 - Recreational Companionship
 - Honesty and Openness
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- Physical Attractiveness
- Financial Support
- Domestic Support
- Family Commitment
- Admiration

Once you have identified each other's most important emotional needs, your next step is to learn how to meet them. I've written several Q&A columns to help you achieve that objective. Listed below are some of those columns.

Affection

How to Meet the Need for Affection

Sexual Fulfillment

How to Meet the Need for Sexual Fulfillment

Changing a Willingness to Make Love into a Desire to Make Love

How to Overcome Pain During Intercourse?

How to Overcome Sexual Aversion?

What to Do When Your Spouse Has an Addiction to Pornography