

BEFORE YOU SAY *I do!*



Take a Couple's Assessment and choose a *Marriage Plan* that will benefit the rest of your life.

Couple's Assessment

(Check only those that apply to both)

- are active Christian's
- sexually abstinent
- attend church regularly
- pay tithe regularly
- financially stable
- have Christian friends & influence
- pray together
- not living together

Plan A - *a marriage that lasts* (All 8 items are checked)

Plan B - *some risk* (6-7 items are checked)

Plan C - *higher risk of divorce* (Less than 6 items are checked)

Your Choice / Your Plan / Your Future

YOU DECIDE !



ABC Marriage Plan

Instructions for Facilitators:

Use the ABC Marriage Plan on the 2nd or 3rd week of mentoring to help couples identify which plan to choose for their marriage.

Step One:

Review the Couple's Assessment with the mentoree couple.
Instruct them to place an "X" by all that apply to both parties.

Step Two:

Go over each item carefully with them.
Explain how each item is helpful for a couple wanting to enter into a marriage that will last.

- * Gods blessings are relative to our level of obedience. He tells us to test him and see.
- * We can have all his blessings when we obey him.

Deuteronomy 12:28 (New International Version) 28 Be careful to obey all these regulations I am giving you, so that it may always go well with you and your children after you, because you will be doing what is good and right in the eyes of the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (New International Version) 1 If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. 2 All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:

Step Three:

If the Couple's Assessment leans towards Plan B or C, ask them if they would like to navigate towards Plan A.

If they say yes:

- * Identify what changes need to be made in order for them to have plan A.
- * Determine **when** they will make the changes. (Hand out Action Plan)
- * Hold them accountable to their commitments throughout the mentoring.

If they say no:

- * Tell them that you will be praying for them to reconsider and move on with your agenda.

Through this process one or both of them may come to the realization that their life style does not represent a plan that they want for their marriage.

- * **Note:** Our job is to encourage couples to consider the consequences of certain choices and give them a path that can lead to a healthy marriage.



Action Plan

Determine what items need addressed in order to get to Plan A

Both:

Are active Christians
Action Plan:

When:

Sexually Abstinent
Action Plan:

When:

Attend church regularly
Action Plan:

When:

Pay tithe regularly
Action Plan:

When:

Financially stable
Action Plan:

When:

Christian friends and influence
Action Plan:

When:

Pray together
Action Plan:

When:

Not living together
Action Plan:

When: