

Relationship Question Checklist

These are some suggested questions of things you might want to find out or ask each other at different stages of your relationship.

Friendship

1. Do they have a relationship with God?
2. What are their hobbies and interests?
3. Who are their friends?
4. How do they relate to same-sex friends?
5. Do they have appropriate opposite-sex friendships?
6. Do they seek and follow advice?
7. What do you observe them doing in the community?
8. Where and how do they serve?
9. Are they leaders in the community and do they set a good example?
10. How do they prioritize their life? (Compare words & actions).

Going on dates

1. Do they have strong spiritual convictions and if so what are they?
2. If you've decided you are not dating exclusively, then are they actually going on dates with other people?
3. Do you know their sense of humor? Do you enjoy it?
4. Are they open-minded in their choice of who to ask out?
5. Do they try to serve and make others feel special on dates?
6. What is their attitude about going on dates?
7. Would they be ready to be married soon, 1-2 years? If not, what purpose will the relationship have?
8. Have you seen this person make and keep commitments to practice for bigger commitments later in life? (FOCUS, Corefa, etc., showing up consistently and early to things)
9. Are they responsible with possessions and money?
11. Has this person been a committed disciple for at least a year?
12. Do they make good choices with respect to future, health, etc?
13. Are you attracted to them? (Physically, emotionally, intellectually, spiritually).
14. What kind of community do they want to be involved in after college?

Dating exclusively- early

1. Do they want to have kids?
2. Where do they see themselves serving long-term?
3. What fears do they have?
4. How do they make big decisions?
5. What gives them joy/what drains it?
6. What do they find relaxing?
7. Who are their best friends and why are they friends?
8. What makes them angry?

9. What makes them feel appreciated?
10. Are they proactive about making and keeping boundaries?
11. Do they ignore commitments because of dating relationships?
12. Have they lost friends because of a dating relationship?
13. Does your relationship grow you closer to God or further away?
14. Do we have common interests / things we can do together?
15. How do they handle the exclusivity of a relationship?
16. Do they have the same general goals you do in life?
17. Is this person opening up to people around them and mentor figures and asking for advice?

Dating exclusively- deciding if it's something worth pursuing

1. What is their family background (How did their upbringing shape them?)
2. How do they deal with conflict in their family?
3. Are they more like their mom or dad? In what ways?
4. What is one thing about their family they would change if they could?
5. What is their relationship like with their sibling(s)?
6. What is their personality type?
7. What do they value most?
8. What has been their biggest successes/regrets?
9. What is their specific dating history?
10. Can they balance life (i.e. job, friends, money, responsibilities)?
11. What are their job prospects/spending habits?
12. Do they do a good job of maintaining same sex friendships during this time?
13. Do they enjoy doing the same things you enjoy?
14. How does the person relate to their opposite sex parent?
15. Have you, as a pair, done a good job of keeping boundaries?
16. Is this person being active in their pursuit of godly things (i.e. service of community, spiritual life, personal growth)?
17. Does this person encourage you to pursue your ministry and time commitments (time with other same sex friends, studies, and social things) or are they jealous of your time?
18. What personality defects or shortcomings do they possess (i.e. anger, jealousy, drama)?
19. Where do they see themselves living in the future?
20. What standard of living do they expect to have?
21. What do I think of their family? How do I get along with them? What does my family think of them?
22. Are we a greater force for the Kingdom together or separate?
23. Do they want pets? What kinds?
24. Could I handle being with them every day?
25. Can I be open and honest with them and trust them with sensitive information?

Dating exclusively- pre engagement

1. Are they open to pre-engagement counseling?
2. Are they good at managing increased boundaries in the relationship?
3. What are their views on using credit?
4. Do they have debt? How much?
5. Are they still open to mentors? Are you accountable to same-sex mentors and friends about your boundaries?
6. Are they teachable about how to relate to you
7. Where would they like to go to church?
8. What kind of sexual history do they have?
9. Do they have any illnesses/medical issues?
10. What is their definition of cheating in a relationship?
11. Can you picture yourself in their family?
12. Where do they want to spend holidays?
13. What do they think that gender roles look like in marriage?
14. What do they see as their roles in the marriage?
15. When would they like to have children? Do they want to adopt?
16. What are their thoughts on stay-at-home parenting versus working full-time?
17. Do I love them?
18. Can I imagine living without them? Can I imagine living with them?
19. Are they adept communicators?
20. What do they like to do in secret?

Formal engagement

1. How do they handle stressful/difficult situations?
2. What are their thoughts on being alone together now?
3. How do they perceive married life as being different from their current life?
4. What kind of wedding do they want? How much do they want to spend?
5. Who do they want to invite to the wedding?