



THE ART OF ASKING IN MARRIAGE

We are able to spend our lives getting to know each other. That is a beautiful thought, but many times an event, or a season or our differences can stunt the growth of the knowledge of each other. Staying connected in friendship is intentional. Realizing there is still more to know is a gift we can give to our marriage. We may know each other's habits or idiosyncrasies and forget that there are still new things to discover.

Asking questions is a soft start.

Asking questions without a reaction is self-control.

Seeing your spouse with fresh eyes is life giving to your relationship.

Christ asked questions most of the time in his conversations. He didn't ask because he didn't know, he asked because He cared and was still discovering with people.

Can we ask questions without defensiveness, we might be able to go to deeper places?

Having a variety of questions, discovering each other, is part of the Good picture...light hearted to digging in...go ahead give it a try and then listen.

- Name 2 Friends that you are enjoying right now.
- Favorite musical group, composer
- If you could play an instrument well
- What did you like best about your childhood?
- A hobby you would like learn
- Finish this..."I would love to have coffee with...."
- Ideal getaway with family/for marriage
- 2 magazines you like
- A place you would like to visit in the world
- A big sporting event you would like to attend



- You have to go on a reality TV show...which one?
- Top 5 movies
- Best childhood vacation
- A friend you would like to fly to see today
- A present you would like to give to a person of your choice
- Favorite flower or car or chocolate or cigar
- Favorite relative....least favorite
- The last time I laughed really hard...
- If you could throw a party for 10 people and do whatever you want....
- Ideal job
- What do you hope to do well?
- Do you tend to say, "I am too much" or "I am not enough"
- A shattered dream I have (not having to do with your marriage)
- Worries you have (relationally, medically)
- Who do you compare yourself to?
- When was the last time you felt comfort
- Finish this...I wish I could... or I wish I knew more about...
- Describe your image of God
- I am making progress right now in this area...
- I feel sad
- Do you let others really know you...why or why not?
- Most damaging lie you believe
- What do you believe will happen if you fail?