

14 PRE-ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE MARRIAGE

1. Do you want someone who has a healthy attitude to life?

Is an engagement or marriage your greatest ambition? Asking your new partner about his previous life can be a tricky and touchy subject to tackle, so how do you tactfully address the subject? Do you get married and start planning the wedding? Well, you will need professional advice. So, find out more about [how to help an addict or alcoholic boyfriend](#).

2. How does he envision the future; does he want children?

Do you really know what the new guy in your life wants? Do you trust him? Is he compatible, focused on you and your relationship? Does he want to get engaged, marriage and kids? It may surprise you to know but not all men need to be dads. Children may not fit into their lives vision, career goals and future plans. It may spoil the quality of your life. Don't bother getting him to change he has to decide that himself. Read more in-depth information about [why men dont want to be dads](#).

3. Has he got children from a previous relationship or marriage?

Fear of having no children might become a self-fulfilling prophecy. Why? Some men will hold onto their secret tightly (they have lots of kids with different women.) So, because they don't want to lose you they might keep this fact hidden till after you're engaged or married. Find out this part of his history. What's his relationship with his kids? Is he involved in their upbringing? Does he support them financially?

4. Does he love children?

This is a very important pre-engagement question. What do you know about their child (childrens) education if they are of school age. Does he play an active part in attending parents evening, sports day, school events, etc.? Question him and see what his reaction is. If he has kids, how will he treat the children you have together? If he loves his children and plays the important father role, that's a good sign. It shows he's a dedicated, caring and loving dad.

5. Is he willing to share the household chores?

Fighting, bickering or arguing about household chores isn't good. Sort this one out before you get engaged, married or come back from your honeymoon or you'll start your marriage stressed. If he's a spoilt mummy's boy and doesn't know how to cook, clean, decorate or do simple jobs around the house, you'll have issues. After a long day at work, do you want to come home and cook? Plus do you want to do all the housework?

6. Is there's something wrong with looking after your husband?

Let's get real when it comes to running a house, this should be a shared duty. Is he the type of fiancé /man who will come home, kick off his shoes, take off his jacket and slouch on the sofa while you run around? Well, you won't be happy. It might work in the beginning of your

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engagement or marriage. But a few months later when the novelty of being engaged or marriage wears off, he will start to irritate you.

7. What do you feel deep within your heart?

Are patiently waiting to be engaged to? Do you want a man that is your equal? If he doesn't know how to cook, clean, etc. he can always learn. There are lots of YouTube videos with tutorials. Make sure you have a lengthy discussion about this topic. Because, when you have children, it will be even more pressurising on you.

8. Is he free from sexual diseases?

Engaged or not, you should be able to talk about sexual issues and STD freely and openly. Although this is a sensitive topic, it's also a valid one to discuss. A person could have a sexual disease such as chlamydia without any obvious symptoms. It's easily transmitted between couples. It's therefore, important to find out if he's had any sexual diseases in the past. Also, a one night stand can have a nasty impact on someone's life.

9. Do you want an open relationship?

Did you know that when you have sex with a new partner, you're also sleeping with all the other partners he's had? That is unless you're both virgins. Some types of STD can mess up your fertility and cause problems with a pregnancy in the future. There's also the possibility of contracting Human Papillomavirus (HPV) which is connected to cervical cancer. Sort this out before the engagement!

10. Is good sexual health important to you?

It's equally important for both of you to have an HIV test before you get engaged or married. Then you're both ready to start your marriage without any nagging doubts at the back of your mind. Your sexual health is something to take seriously if you want a future free from worries. Therefore, make sure your potential fiancé or husband has good sexual health.

11. Will he grow with you instead of away from you?

Some engaged or married couples stay together forever many years getting married. They have children, work, buy a house and seem to be happy and in love. Then after the children are grown and have left to start their lives, the couple also decide to separate. Perhaps, the couple feel there is no further they can go together. And have reached the climax in marriage. Instead of growing old together, they believe they're growing away from each other. Do you want this too?

12. What does marriage mean to you?

Marriage is not something you do then leave it to take care of itself. It takes constant work to keep the love fire burning. Marriage is not the end of the game. It's the beginning. When you both make the vow 'till death do us part' that means literally working on your marriage and doing all you can to grow closer together, not apart.

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13. What does he not like about you?

Another important pre-engagement question to ask before marriage and to work through now. Don't leave it till later. If you have bad habits that irritate him, it's best if he tells you beforehand so you can address them. He should be honest and not hold back from telling you. Knowing now, even if he upsets you when he reveals his pet hates to you, is better than keeping it bottled up.

14. Does he internalise his feelings?

Internalising someone's irritating habits can easily cause them to blow up when they reach boiling point. So, encourage your future fiancé /man to talk about pre-engagement issues. Get him to tell you what he doesn't like about you. He may not be able to list everything because he will discover more about you after you're engaged or married. But he can tell you about the things he's seen, so you can sort them out.

Final thought, have you asked your potential fiancé or future husband any of the important pre-engagement questions I mentioned? What was the outcome? Are you ready to step into the next massive phase of your life? What else can you add to this list? If you've got a friend who is getting engaged or married, [share this article with them.](#)