



## PREMARITAL APPLICATION

*Congratulations on your engagement!* It is our desire to help you thrive and succeed in your relationship. To help us help you make the necessary investment in your marriage please complete the following in its entirety. We recognize the personal nature of some of these questions, but marriage, by nature, is very personal and these questions are an important part of your serious preparation for such an intimate relationship. The information will of course be kept confidential.

**WEDDING DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIDE:** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Vocation: \_\_\_\_\_

**GROOM:** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Vocation: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you both attend the Action Chapel Baltimore, if not, what is your home church?

\_\_\_\_\_

### History of your Faith

**BRIDE:**

1. Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ When did you make this decision?

2. Briefly describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ:

3. Briefly state your views regarding the authority of the Bible and its place in your life:

**GROOM:**

1. Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, when did you make this decision?

2. Briefly describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ:

3. Briefly state your views regarding the authority of the Bible and its place in your life:

## **History of Your Relationship**

1. How did you meet and how long have you been dating?

2. Are you engaged?

3. Are you currently or have you been sexually active with each other (your answer will not disqualify you from the class)?

4. Have you ever broken off your relationship? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Why did this happen? Why did you get back together?
5. Why are you deciding to marry one another? Why do you believe your marriage will work?
6. What preparation for marriage have you had?
7. What do your parents or family think about your marriage plans?
8. What do your friends think about your marriage plans?

### **Prior Marriage History**

1. Have either of you been married before? Bride: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Groom: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If so, were you widowed or divorced? Bride: \_\_\_\_\_ Groom: \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you were divorced, how did it end? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

3. Were you and your previous spouse Believers at the time of the divorce? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

4. When was your divorce finalized? Please give date.

Bride:

Groom:

5. Has your previous spouse remarried? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

6. What do you believe contributed to the breakdown of your previous marriage? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

7. How have you grown or changed since your last marriage?

Bride:

Groom:

8. Do you have any children from your previous marriage? If so, please give their ages.

Bride:

Groom:

9. What living arrangement has been determined for the children? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

10. Is this a good working relationship for all parties concerned? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

11. What do you understand to be your Biblical right to remarry? Please explain.

Bride:

Groom:

# Purity Covenant

(For the Couple)

From the world's viewpoint, maintaining sexual purity before marriage seems like cruel and unusual punishment. Many people consider it strange if a couple does not sleep together before they are married. "After all," they say, "shouldn't they find out whether they are sexually compatible?" However, God's word is very clear about how we ought to act as Christians. Please see the following verses that express God's perspective of sex. (Exodus 20:14; 2 Timothy 2:22; Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:14-16; 2 Peter 1:5-7; Hebrews 13:4; Philippians 4:8; and Romans 16:19.)

Sexual purity is especially difficult during the engagement period. You have declared your commitment and you naturally want to consummate the relationship. You may even feel married at times. Yet what better opportunity to establish your relationship and build trust in one another by obeying God than on this key point.

Sexual purity means much more than not having sexual intercourse before marriage. Many couples avoid intercourse but are still sexually intimate. Look again at the verses previously mentioned. Scripture defines sexual purity as being morally excellent. And moral excellence means *being holy*. It means avoiding the appearance of evil. It means purity of thought as well as purity of deed. It means protecting one another's innocence from being stained by evil.

**I Thessalonians 4:3-8** *"For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. Consequently, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you."*

**I Corinthians 6:18-20** *"Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in you body."*

**Acts 24:16** *"In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men."*

## All Couples Must Comply to the Following:

### Prerequisites :

1. Couples may not live together prior to marriage, *if you currently do*; please find other living arrangements prior to enrolling in this class (See 1 Thessalonians 5:22).
2. All couples must be legally divorced from prior marriages and currently single. (see Matthew 5:31-31 and I Corinthians 7).
3. Couples will abstain from pre-marital sex during the courting process and sign the Purity Covenant below. If you have not abstained, it will be addressed during counseling, but you must choose to abstain for the remainder of your engagement in order to proceed (I Thessalonians 4:3).

### Requirements:

1. All Couples must complete all their assigned reading and homework on time.
2. All Couples must arrive ten minutes early to their assigned class.
3. All Couples must attend all Class Sessions.
4. All Couples must enlist Accountability Partners to help them keep their Covenant.

I pledge to show my love for my soon-to-be spouse  
in ways that allow both of us to maintain a  
clear conscience before God and each  
other.

This is our promise of purity  
(for couple to sign)

Bride: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Purity Covenant

(For the Accountability Partners)

By signing this contract, I, the accountability partner, am agreeing with the following statements:

- I believe that Jesus Christ is my personal Lord and Savior (and the only way to heaven is through faith in Jesus Christ).
- I believe that the Bible is the Word of God, useful for edification, reproof, guidance, hope, and faith.
- I agree to hold this individual/couple accountable to having a Godly premarital relationship.
- I agree to meet with one or both individuals (groom to meet with male accountability partner, bride to meet with female accountability partner) weekly to ask them tough questions about how they are doing in keeping each other sexually pure.
- I love this individual/couple, my brother/sister in Christ, and I am committed to demonstrate my love by helping them design a plan on how to resist the temptation to have premarital sex (the exact thing that will ruin their relationship if no boundaries are established).
- I have read this entire contract and I am aware of what is expected from this couple until they are married.

BRIDE'S Accountability Partner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

GROOM'S Accountability Partner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLASS AND CEREMONY PREFERENCES

The following are requirements for every class:

1. All Couples must complete all their assigned reading and homework on time.
2. All Couples must arrive ten minutes early to their assigned class.
3. All Couples must attend all Class Sessions.
4. There is no fee for pre-marital counseling but due to the length, nature, importance a love offering at the conclusion of counseling is suggested.

Please circle which class you prefer:

**Session 1** (Jan-April): Tuesday Thursday Saturday

**Session 2** (March-April): Tuesday Thursday

**Session 3** (May-June): Tuesday Thursday

**Session 4** (July-August): Tuesday Thursday

**Session 5** (Oct-Nov): Monday Tuesday Thursday

When and where do you hope to conduct your Rehearsal and Wedding Ceremony? (This information is necessary to ensure the Pastor will be prepared to perform your ceremony).

Wedding Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Rehearsal Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Rehearsal Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## Marriage Preparation Acknowledgment

The direction and intention of the ACB Marriage Preparation Policy and Program is to provide instruction based upon God's Word. We believe the Bible is the authority for every area and season of the marriage relationship including its preparation, its progress and its problems. Please read and sign the acknowledgement below.

### Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we have read the ACB Wedding Policy Statement and have completed the Marriage Preparation Questionnaire and understand it completely. We recognize that the Pastoral Staff at the

ACB Church are not licensed professional counselors, psychologists or psychiatrists and their counsel is based on God’s Word alone. We also recognize that we are solely responsible for our own actions. We therefore agree that we will not hold the ACB Church, its staff, or mentors responsible or liable for anything whatsoever connected with the biblical instruction/counsel we are to receive.

**Please check one of the options below and sign:**

       ***Option One: We choose to abide by the Stated Policy:***

We are entering into a relationship with the ACB Church to assist us in the development of a life-long, healthy Christian marriage. We commit to abide by the Wedding Policy Statement as defined by the ACB Church.

       ***Option Two: We choose not to abide by the Stated Policy***

We are entering into a relationship with the ACB Church to assist us in the development of a life-long, healthy Christian marriage. We are not currently abiding by the Wedding Policy Statement as defined by the ACB Church, but would like the opportunity to meet and discuss these issues with a Pastor.

**BRIDE** (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**GROOM** (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_