

◇ Chapter 29
Choosing Marriage

Enrichment Activities

ARE YOU READY FOR MARRIAGE?

Before deciding to marry, you need to make sure that your expectations about work and family are compatible with those of your future spouse. These questions will help you clarify your thinking on these important matters. Write your answers on the lines provided.

1. What level or kind of education do you want for yourself? For your spouse? _____

2. Would you marry someone who has a menial, minimum-wage job? Why or why not? _____

3. Do you think a wife should work outside the home? If both a husband and wife have full-time jobs outside the home, who should do the housework and the yard work?

4. Do you want children? If so, how many and when? _____

5. Should a mother with young children work outside the home? Explain your answer. _____

6. What type of house would you like to have? What level of income will you need in order to afford to buy and maintain your dream house?

7. What values are most important to you? What kinds of jobs or schedules might conflict with your values?

Focus In

Imagine that you write the weekly "Tie the Knot" column for the local newspaper. On separate paper, write an "advice column" that answers the following questions:

- Why is it important to know a potential partner's views on issues prior to marriage?
- What are the implications if you and your partner have very different views?
- In general, can differences be resolved through compromise? Why or why not?