**LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP**

The decision to marry someone is one of the biggest decisions of your life. The following questions will allow you to think about aspects of marriage you may not have considered before. Use Chapter 20 of the Married and Single Life text to find the answers.

1. What are three areas of your life that will be affected by your choice of a marriage partner?

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1. List and explain two poor reasons why people decide to marry. On what should the decision to marry be based?

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1. Why should a marriage relationship not be based primarily on physical attraction?

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1. Why does marrying at a later age increase the chance for stability and satisfaction in a marriage?

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1. Why do partners with similar education levels have a better chance of success in marriage?

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1. How can having separate personal interests lead to problems in a marriage?

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1. Define the term compatible. What does the way people get along before marriage indicate?

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1. How can having different goals and desires affect marriage?

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1. What is an interfaith marriage? How can couples manage the differences?

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1. Why is it important to determine how you feel about a future partner’s family before marriage?

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1. Why should decisions about children be made before marriage?

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1. What questions should be asked when discussing role expectations in a marriage?

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1. Give three suggestions for planning a wedding.

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