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**Marriage and Holy Orders**  
Directed Reading Guide  
Unit 2 Called to Holiness through Marriage  
Chapter 3: Preparing for Marriage in God's plan

**Directions:** Read the assigned pages for each section and fill in the missing information. All the answers are found in sequential order as you read.

**Benefits and Purpose of Married Life**

*Read pages 76-77*

1. Why is marriage always necessary?
2. A primary purpose of marriage is the \_\_\_\_\_ and raising of children.
  - a. Another purpose is the willingness of the spouses to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to the other, a way they work to their own and each other's \_\_\_\_\_
3. True/False? Raising children and sharing family life has great rewards.
4. What is the typical progress of relationship that leads to marriage?

**Marriage in the Bible**

*Read pages 78-81.*

1. Fill-in the teaching found in the creation stories in the book of Genesis.
  - a. Man and woman are made "\_\_\_\_\_"
  - b. Man and woman are created as a \_\_\_\_\_ of persons, equal to one another, and complementary as masculine and feminine.
  - c. Man and woman are to be \_\_\_\_\_ of God, caring for the earth's resources.
2. What does it mean to say that Matrimony is one of the "sacraments at the service of communion"?
3. True/False? The struggles that married couples face today are all their own fault.
4. Since the fall of man and the first sin, marriage has helped couples overcome \_\_\_\_\_, egoism, and pursuit of one's own \_\_\_\_\_ and choose instead to be open to others, to care for one another, and to be \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What does the term "marriage in the Lord" refer to?

6. In his preaching, Christ taught clearly the original meaning of marriage as it was intended from the beginning: marriage was to be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
7. True/False? The couple is the source of grace in marriage.

### **Love and Other Elements of Relationships**

*Read pages 82-87.*

1. What is an accurate definition of infatuation?
2. What are two elements that make up human relationships?
3. True/False? Marriage requires spouses to work with God's grace to do what is best for themselves.
4. What does LIFE stand for?
5. What is the first requirement of any other type of love?
6. Define narcissism.
7. What are some of the qualities that characterize a love relationship?
8. True/False? Love accepts the person as is.
9. Friendship is based on mutual \_\_\_\_\_, understanding, \_\_\_\_\_, and enjoyment of one another.
  - a. Love between friends is rooted in \_\_\_\_\_ and affection.
10. A romantic infatuation is any relationship that involves \_\_\_\_\_ attraction or feelings.
11. True/False? Exploitation refers to any relationship that is based on selfishness.
12. What is the best way to avoid exploitation in a romantic relationship?

### **Vocation to Chastity**

*Read pages 88-92.*

1. What dimensions does sexual identity include?
2. What are the two important purposes in marriage?

3. The moral virtue of chastity helps us to moderate our desires for \_\_\_\_\_
4. The choice to be chaste or not is a clear one: we either learn to govern our \_\_\_\_\_ and find \_\_\_\_\_, or we let ourselves be ruled by our \_\_\_\_\_ and become \_\_\_\_\_
5. Those engaged to be married are to live chastely, using the time to grow in mutual \_\_\_\_\_, practice their \_\_\_\_\_ to one another, and live in the \_\_\_\_\_ of receiving one another from God.
6. True/False? Fornication is sex between an unmarried man and unmarried woman.
7. What are the means you can use to perfect the virtue of chastity?
8. True/False? Modesty involves not calling undue attention to oneself.

### **Choices Leading to Marriage**

*Read pages 93-99.*

1. True/False? Decisions you are making today and your current experiences have nothing to do with a future marriage.
2. List the consequences which people who are sexually active before marriage may incur.
3. Ideally, a married couple should share the same \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What is the definition of a mixed marriage?
5. In the family, children are taught two fundamental truths: that we are called to live in \_\_\_\_\_ and love and that “everyone finds fulfillment through the sincere gift of \_\_\_\_\_”.
6. True/False? Parents are responsible for reminding their children that the world’s attitudes toward sex and marriage are often in conflict with Christian ideals.
7. The Catechism teaches that the “family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn \_\_\_\_\_, begin to honor God, and make use of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Qualities friends possess:
  - a. Friends are \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Friends are \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Friends are \_\_\_\_\_

d. Friends are \_\_\_\_\_

9. True/False. The word friend is derived from a word that means loyal.
10. What are four suggestions for making and being friends with those of the opposite sex?
11. True/False. The term “hooking up” allows sexual interaction ranging from kissing to having sex between people without commitment.
12. What is a negative aspect of dating exclusively – especially if it occurs at too young of age?