

A woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a black sleeveless top, is shown from the chest up. She has a thoughtful expression, with her right index finger pointing to her chin. The background is a light blue wall. Overlaid on the image are several graphic elements: a large pink circle at the top containing the title; three large, stylized question marks (one in the top left, one in the top right, and one in the bottom left); and two thought bubbles, one on the left and one on the right, containing questions. The bottom of the image has a solid pink band with white text.

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How do I get
the answers I
really need?

What do I
really need to
know though??

The ultimate guide to utilizing strategic questioning to qualify a man with confidence, get the clarity you need and the answers you deserve

~TorahCents~

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Welcome Future Questionista!

"Ask the right questions if you're going to find the right answers."

- ~Vanessa Redgrave~

Hey lady!

Can I say that I'm excited about you having access to this guide??

By reading this not only are you investing in your future, but you are already several steps ahead of "the game" when it comes to dating on a path towards a righteous marriage.

How you ask?

Because there are so many women out there who don't really understand how to strategically question men, much less understand the power of using questions to get the revelations they need concerning these men.

And even if they do ask quality questions from time to time, they are unaware of how to strategically analyze and evaluate his response to get the answers they need...even if he never outright says it!

Believe it or not...tactically asking questions was one of my most prized secret weapons while dating. I was consistently able to **qualify** men or **weed out** unqualified men by strategically asking them well-constructed, quality questions **that rarely failed at providing the answers and clarity I needed.**

Not only that, but I was able to **intrigue and excite men** (emotionally healthy, masculine men of course lol) with the types of questions I asked because it challenged them and **I would repeatedly receive compliments** from those men concerning my "challenges" I posed.

In response to the success I've had, as well as the success of other women who've heeded to my advice, I have taken almost everything I know and have learned about strategic questioning over the years and have compiled it all in this guide...so that you don't have to figure all this out on your own.

With that being said...I'm so honored to be your guide. **Let's get started!**

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What's Really Good??

"Asking the right questions takes as much skill as giving the right answers."

~Robert Half~

Ok....so I know that although you picked up this guide to make better choices when it comes to entertaining men and uplevel in the way you interact with them....

.... I **also** understand that there is a huge possibility that at this point you still don't fully understand or comprehend yet the FULL benefit of strategic questioning and to what extent it can improve your dating life.

Just so you know much your romantic life can change for the better, here are a few major benefits of becoming a skilled and strategic Questionista....

- It helps you create "conversational magic" that will compel men to talk more, reveal more and feel good about responding to you.
- It helps you connect with the man you are entertaining in a meaningful way so that you can properly nurture the relationship you two are building and begin to foster trust.
- It allows you to engage in more revealing discussions so that you're able to move past surface level chatter and really get down to the "nitty gritty" of who he is and how you truly relate to him.
- It cuts down your risk of wasting precious time with an unqualified man by providing a blueprint for you to operate in the realm of reality instead of uneducated guesses and underlying assumptions.
- It positions you in a man's brain as high-standard woman who is unique, critical thinking and sure of herself.
- It helps trigger a variety of ways that you think about your **own** needs and desires through the responses you receive.
- It boosts your confidence concerning your conversational skills and interactions with men.

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Do You Believe in Magic?

*"There is magic, but you have to be the magician. You have to make the magic happen."
~Sidney Sheldon~*

Soooooooo...in the last section where I discussed benefits of becoming a skilled, strategic and confident Questionista, I revealed that one of the major benefits were that you would be equipped to create "Conversational Magic" (coined by somebody else, but defined by me!)

So I'm sure you get the jist of what "conversational magic" is from context clues, but forreal forreal...what is it?

Conversational magic is what happens when you show up to a conversation (with anyone)...

- **Prepared** (You're ready, equipped, and have already considered possible scenarios)
- **Prudent** (You're wise, discerning and all set to execute good righteous judgement)
- **Poised** (You're graceful in verbal and non-verbal communication)
- **Confident** (You're sure of your abilities to be dope)
- and **Composed** (You're mentally and emotionally stable to engage another person)

.When it comes to **evaluating men**, simply asking quality questions to ask isn't enough to get the information you desire. You need to able to harness your power to create an experience where you are able to...

- Create meaningful discussions that challenge, intrigue and excite them.
- Compel them to talk about things they necessarily wouldn't discuss in regular conversation
- Guide them to reveal things about themselves that they want you to know and don't want you to find out.
- Create a warm, inviting and comfortable conversational environment where they feel safe sharing some of the most intimate details about themselves.
- Establish a connection with them.
- Engage them in a way that causes them to emotionally invest in the interactions you share.
- Encourage them to talk more so that you can talk less and observe more.

That's conversational magic!

When engaging men, we should be executing conversational magic in order to connect, get clarity and gather clues to help us make decisions on whether we should move forward with a man we like or not.

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Types of Questions

"The key to wisdom is this - constant and frequent questioning, for by doubting we are led to question, by questioning we arrive at the truth."

~Peter Abelard~

There are 3 types of questions that I utilized while dating that really contributed to me getting closer to a decision on whether a man I was entertaining was worth my time or not.

As a future Questionista, each question type should be used in conjunction in order to "spot the not" in your suitor line-up OR create the "conversational magic" you desire with the man that has potential with you.

Let's define them why don't we?

1. "Face the Facts" Questions

These are typically closed-ended questions you will ask a man when you simply want straight up specific answers...basically the **facts**! They are the least effective in creating conversational magic, but they are inevitable. They have to be asked, but please limit these as much as possible.

Examples: *Have you ever been married? When was the last time you got tested for HIV/STD?*

Pros: These are straight to the point and no-nonsense. They reveal specifics about extremely relevant and much needed information concerning the man you're engaging with.

Cons: Asking questions like these back to back can end up causing a potentially beautiful conversation, to end up with a man feeling like he is in a middle of an interrogation. It can run a really great guy away if he feels like he's being questioned by Olivia Benson from SVU lol.

Another issue is these questions make it MUCH easier for the man to have a pre-canned response or a straight up lie. To lower the risk of being lied to, make sure that you 1. Pay close attention to his non-verbal behavior when he responds (as we will discuss later) and 2. Try to attach "receipts" to his answer as best as you can. **For example if he responds "No" to the "Have you ever been married question", find a mutual friend or a family member of his who can verify.**

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*"What people think of as the moment of discovery is really the discovery of the question."
~Jonas Salk~*

"Food for Thought" Questions

These are typically open-ended questions you will ask a man for deeper and more meaningful discussion. These types of questions are the "bread and butter" of conversational magic and can easily make or break a man in your eyes depending on his responses. Instead of being focused on specifics such as "face the facts" questions, these questions reveal more of a man's background, thoughts, views, perceptions and experiences.

Mentally healthy, righteous, and emotionally available men with good intentions will shine (and even appreciate you) while answering these questions, while clowns, eff boys, and the spineless will squirm in their seat, or hate answering.

Examples: *What are your thoughts on sexual responsibility? What do you often find yourself praying about?*

Pros: It is much harder to lie in response to these types of questions because technically there are no right or wrong answers...it all depends on what's right or wrong for you personally. For example, asking a man his thoughts on sexual responsibility can reveal indirectly that he believes in having premarital sex (see sample questions). At that point you can decide if you want to move forward with him or not.

Men are also more likely to see you as a high-value woman who clearly wants more for herself as you do your due diligence and one who knows how to think and how to inspire others to think.

Also, because these questions allow a man to reveal his heart, mind and soul, asking them can foster trust between you two and promotes you as a possible safe space for him (which is necessary to maintain attraction).

Cons: One downside to these questions is that it will require you to have to read between the lines a lot because the answers you're looking for might not be said right out...but implied.

Also, because these questions are great at cultivating discussion, you may not be able to ask too many during a single meeting depending on how many rabbit holes your conversation may go through. But rabbit holes may be good so don't fret too much about this con!

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"A prudent question is one-half of wisdom."

~ Francis Bacon ~

"Hidden Agenda Fun" Questions

These are either closed or open-ended questions that are designed to appear just fun, playful and harmless, but in actuality his response to these questions reveal way more about him than he may care to reveal. They have the opportunity to seal the deal on the creation of your conversational magic and are great at uncovering his quirks, reasoning sophistication, thinking capacity, philosophes, and random nuances.

Examples: *Fire or water? Which one would you rather control and why? If you could commit any crime and get away with it....what would it be?*

Pros: Well duh! They're fun to ask and answer! They are also least likely to cause defensiveness no matter what context or tone you choose to ask it in. Also, in my experience men seem to love these challenging yet low-investment questions. I've received most of my compliments on these types of questions.

Cons: The main con I've seen with these questions is that you have to be more discerning or analytical to spot the things you need to spot because it's so easy just to get caught up in all the fun.

For example, in response to the question "***Fire or water? Which one would you rather control and why?***", a man who chooses water because "it's the foundation of life" appears to have more reasoning sophistication and a more mature philosophy than the man who chooses fire because he wants to be able to burn stuff down at random. **Pay attention to these nuances girl!**

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"We thought that we had the answers, it was the questions we had wrong."

~Bono~

You've learned all about the questions that you should use in your arsenal while evaluating men, so now let's get to the types of questions you need to try to avoid as much as possible! There are 2 types of questions that are extremely ineffective at getting the clarity you need and the answers you deserve while dating.

Here goes!

1. "Showin' Your Cards" Questions

These are leading questions that include the answer you're looking for or hints at the direction of the answer you're looking for. What makes these questions so bad is that it makes it easy for men to "play a role" because you gave him the script without realizing it.

Examples: Don't you think that volunteering in the community is important? You aren't an Atheist are you?

Isn't it obvious to see how easy it is for a man to misrepresent who he truly is just by acting, believing or responding in ways that you clearly prefer?

2. "Just for Show" Questions

These are questions that are really important for a woman to know the answer to, yet even after the question is asked the answers given are never really sufficient.

How is this so??

It's because...1. These questions should be open-ended, but are asked in a closed-ended manner. 2. Your best answer to this question is through your observation and not through his mouth. 3. The only possible verbal answers are usually a "yes" or "no".

Examples: Are you a praying man? Are you a man of God? Do you like me like that?

Reviewing the examples above, can't you see how no real info was gathered? At the end of the day, you still don't know if he prays, a man of God or that he likes you...so asking these questions are Just for Show.

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Questioning Yourself to Success

"The marvelous thing about a good question is that it shapes our identity as much by the asking as it does by the answering."

~David Whyte~

Alrighty then! So now that we've gone over the 3 types of questions to cancel the clowns or create conversational magic, it's time to learn how to come up with your own questions based on each type!

When you are coming up with quality questions to ask a potential husband, you have to ask yourself some questions first to make sure they are effective and of quality.

Here are some questions that I recommend you ask yourself to set yourself up for success.

- **What is my end goal with asking this question?** I need to figure out what I really want to know and make sure my line of questioning does this for me.
- **Why is this question important?** Why am I asking in the first place? What will I learn from his response? Do I want quick facts or do I want to understand what makes him tick?
- **How would I respond if I was asked the same question?** Could I be tripped up if he asked me "So what about you?"
- **Does the question have plenty of predictable responses?** Is this a question he's probably been asked a million times and is it easy for him to lie or have a generic, unoriginal response?
- **Would this question be best suited as closed (specific facts) or open-ended (stirring conversation)?**
- **Do have to ask several follow up questions to get the answer I'm looking for?** Do I really want to expend extra energy doing all that or just ask the right question the first time?
- **What do I really want to know vs what I'm actually asking?** I want to know if he loves kids, but I probably need to ask him something open-ended instead of "Do you love kids?"
- **Am i unknowingly asking a question that leads him to the response I want instead of the response from his heart?** Me asking "Do you like me in that way?" is probably a question setting me up for failure.

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Conversational Magic Guidelines...

"If you do not know how to ask the right question, you discover nothing."

~W. Edwards Deming~

Ok so you've asked yourself the questions listed previously, now I'm going to share some guidelines necessary to follow to help you create the conversational magic so that you can get the clarity you need concerning a man and the answers you deserve to make a decision about him.

- **You have to be willing to "go there" with him.** *A lot of times we as women tend to avoid asking questions because we are afraid of confrontation or to ruin the mood. As a new savvy Questionista you are no longer like this...you are a dope, courageous action-taker who doesn't allow fear to stop her from getting the answers she needs.*
- **Begin with the end in mind.** *Basically figure out what exactly is your desired answer and come up with a line of questioning for how you plan to receive it? For example, if you desire to know if he will be ok with your celibacy, don't ask him "So do you have a problem with me being celibate?" *Face Palm* No ma'am...that doesn't get your desired answer because this is a "Showing Your Cards" question that could come off abrasive AND he could easily lie. A better question to get your answer would be "What are your thoughts on sexual responsibility"...you will find out so much more about his thoughts (or even behaviors) when it comes to sexual activity and his potential tolerance for your celibacy. .*
- **Make room for silence.** *When a conversation is going well it's easy to try to make sure it stays that way by making sure every moment someone is talking. If the guy you're with takes a time of silence to come up with a response to his question, stay calm, lean back and anticipate his response with grace and not anxiety.*
- **There is a difference between his answers and his responses.** *Understand **how** he responds to your question is just as important to take note of as the answer itself. Make sure you pay attention to his body language, tone of voice, and the time it takes to respond to your question.*
- **Put on your "discernment" hat.** *Once you ask the question, prepare to properly analyze his response instead of passively consuming the answer he provides.*

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Conversational Magic Guidelines...

"That is the essence of science: ask an impertinent question, and you are on the way to a pertinent answer."

~Jacob Bronowski~

- **Don't force a square peg into a round hole.** Instead of trying to get all your questions in or forcing the issue at random times, it's best to look for pockets in the conversation to introduce certain relevant or corresponding questions instead of firing off questions at random. It's important that your conversation remains fluid instead of feeling like an interrogation. Either look for opportunities in the conversation or create your own opportunities. For example, if you want to start asking serious questions about his sexual history then start the conversation off discussing what crazy sexual thing a celebrity did in the media.
- **Be clear and concise and get to the point.** *There is no need for long run-on sentences or to talk 3 paragraphs in order to ask your one sentence question. That is torturous to men, who tend to not like to beat around the bush and get straight to the point.*
- **Say his name.** *Every now and again, inject his name while you ask him a question to subtly grab his attention and establish more of a connection between you two.*
- **Figure out if you can answer the question yourself.** *If you cannot answer the question you want to ask...you have no business asking it. Simple as that sis.*
- **Give behavioral feedback and relate.** *As in...when he provide responses, nod your head as you listen, lean in, look him in his eyes and show emotion on your face (ex: smiling during a funny response or look surprised during a story of adventure.)*
- **Ask in positive and inviting conditions** Understand **how** he responds to your question is just as important to take note of as the answer itself. Make sure you pay attention to his body language, tone of voice, and the time it takes to respond to your question.
- **Watch yourself.** Do have to ask several follow up questions to get the answer I'm looking for? If you have to ask more than 2 follow up questions to get the answer you're looking for, then more than likely you are
- **Actively take note.** Don't get so lost in amazing conversation that you lose sight of making important notes or spotting clues into his mind, heart, perspectives, and behavior.
- **It's not always what he says..** When he is responding to your questions, make sure you pay attention to what he is not saying just as much as what he is.

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Let's Recap!

"We get wise by asking questions, and even if these are not answered, we get wise, for a well-packed question carries its answer on its back as a snail carries its shell."

~James Stephens~

We are nearing towards the end of this guide and so far we have gone through soooooo much actionable material together.

That being said I think it's more than necessary to do a quick recap...

- Learning the art of questioning is a secret weapon that should be used when evaluating men to either qualify or disqualify them from the potential of becoming your future husband..
- Asking quality questions alone isn't enough, you need to be able to create conversational magic.
- You need to utilize 3 types of questions to either "spot the not" or create "conversational magic" while evaluating a man. "Face the Facts", "Food for Thought", and "Hidden Agenda Fun."
- Please stay away from these 2 specific types of questions " Showing You Cards" and "Just for Show"
- Before you think about asking a man questions for evaluation, you need to ask yourself some qualifying questions yourself.
- Conversational Magic involves more than asking questions and listening to answers. It takes wisdom, skills and a few "guidelines" to make it all happen.

Alright sis! Before we wrap things up, let's practice creating some of the skills you've learned.

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Practice Makes Perfect

Now that you've gone through all this actionable material with me...it's time for you to take a little action! Since "Food for Thought" questions are the "bread and butter" when it comes to questions involved in conversational magic, I want you to practice creating some of your own based upon "What you want to know" vs "What should you Actually Ask"

After you complete this task, please see my examples on the following page.

What I Want to Know:

What I Should Ask:

What I Want to Know:

What I Should Ask:

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What I Should Ask:

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What I Want to Know: Does He have a prayer-filled life?

What I Should Ask: **What do you find yourself praying about lately?**

What I Want to Know: Does He have a solid vision?

What I Should Ask: **When you set a goal, what are some things that you do to ensure that you meet your goal?**

What I Want to Know: Does He have a healthy view of women?

What I Should Ask: **In what ways do you see women contributing to society?**

What I Want to Know: Does He have a heart for serving others?

What I Should Ask: **When was the last time you volunteered or did something for someone or the community for free?**

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. So what happens when the guy already knows what you will ask him, so he's already prepared with smooth answers?

First of all...you wanna know why many guys already have a smooth response to the questions you ask him? It's because they are consistently running into women who don't understand the art of questioning and haven't gotten this guide yet! lol

Here's the beauty of becoming a skilled Questionista who understands the art of questioning...

If you've carefully reviewed **and applied** all of the instructions, guidelines and tips and tricks I've provided you in this guide, then there should be no reason why you're still coming up with the same ol same ol that ol boy is used to hearing.

If applied correctly, he's going to be caught off guard with your strategic line of questioning and even if he has been confronted with the topic before with previous women, the way you ask him the question will also be new to him.

2. What if he gives you the answers to the questions you asked, but later down the road into the "situationship" you realize that what you were told in the beginning doesn't match what you're seeing?

Ok sis...this is the very reason why I stressed in the guide to focus on attaching "receipts" (aka proof) to your "Face the Facts" questions and to completely avoid asking the "Showing Your Cards" and "Just for Show" questions. These are the questions that are usually getting women in trouble because the way they are framed make it extremely easy for men to lie.

Another thing I stressed in my "Conversational Magic Guidelines" is to pay attention to more than his answer...look at whole response which includes his body language and voice tone and inflections.

After all this can he still "trick" you? Sure...it's a possibility...but If you take heed to these things I stressed you are at an extremely low risk of experiencing this.

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3. What if asking all these questions and he gives you the answers, what's the guarantee he's telling you the truth?

There *is* no guarantee...as I ain't got that kinda power.

Understand the purpose of this guide isn't to make you bulletproof...it was to put you in a position where you could dodge most of the bullets shot at you.

4. What questions are appropriate for 1st dates?

On first dates I would recommend asking light-hearted questions that could be categorized under the "Hidden Agenda Fun" questions and maybe a couple of "Food for Thought" type questions that would encourage discussion.

WARNING: Most of the "Food for Thought" questions I've provided in my "55 Questions to Ask a Potential" Husband supplement guide are *way too heavy* to ask on the first date. I specifically included these questions because they are *extremely important* to know before you make a decision to get serious with a man, but you don't have to know them on the first date.

On first dates it's time for you to be fun, laid back, and flirty....and allow him to do most of the talking so you can do most of the observation :).

I encourage you to construct your own light-hearted "Food for Thought" questions for the first date. Because I'm super nice i'll throw you one to get started...

"What motivates you to stay in such good shape?"

This question is not only light-hearted, but it also cultivates discussion, reveals something to you that drives him towards positive behavior, reveals to him that you've been checking him out and strokes his ego all at the same time

You're welcome :)

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5. What if they don't want to answer the questions being asked of him?

It depends on **why** they don't want to answer (like are your questions trash?)...but for the most part if a man is apprehensive or irritated when asked questions, that is a clear red flag for you to either take note of or straight up just bounce.

6. How do you start bringing up certain questions? How do you determine timing?

Please go back and read "Don't force a square peg into a round hole" under my "Conversational Magic Guidelines".

7. How far into the relationship do you start asking serious questions? How do you bring them up?

It's not really about how "far" into the relationship....it's about the "quality" of the relationship and looking for opportunities and creating opportunities to ask them. Please revisit "Don't force a square peg into a round hole" and "Ask in positive and inviting conditions" under my "Conversational Magic Guidelines".

8. Is asking questions and creating conversational magic all I really need to evaluate men?

No girl...this is a piece of the puzzle (a very important piece) but a piece nonetheless.

There are so many variables to mention depending on who you are and your particular situation, but If you are not new to my content, you will also know I suggest having a strong support system that consists of a healthy feminine network of Godly women and a strong masculine network of Righteous men to hold you accountable, invest in your success and be your second set of eyes and ears.

9. I'm a Christian? Why do I have to do all this? Won't God reveal my husband to me?

Sis...if you believed that you could just sit on all that intricate brain power that The Most High blessed you with....and without putting any action towards the faith you seem to have...why did you pick up this guide?

I know why! Because God works through people to help people and now he's using me to help a woman just like yourself! Take this help sis!

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Get to Asking All Them Questions!

Alright! We're done here sis!

You are now are equipped with the tools, guidance and resources necessary for success!

And because I wanna keep blessing you with tools...please see my attached resource guide "55 Questions to ask a Potential Husband."

My carefully crafted guide includes 55 quality questions that are specifically designed to provoke thought, and invoke conversation while at the same time lowering the risk that the man you choose the entertain will be able to give a predictable response (or even lie).

These questions all cover the most important areas to inspect when you're looking to Choose the Right Man (relationship history, sexual history, spiritual maturity, family background, emotional availability, ambition, self-esteem, view on community, personal responsibility, and commitment to personal growth.)

Not only have I crafted these questions, but I also give explanations explaining why each question is important to ask and for various questions I give directions concerning what his responses should reveal to you.

Enjoy!

Questions that address his relationship history are extremely important because DUH!

You need to know what kind of experiences he has had in his relationships in order for you to decide if he is safe to enter into a relationship with him.

1 What have you learned from your past relationships, and what do you do differently now?

This question can uncover whether he has even thought about what he has learned from past relationships.

A man who cannot answer this question or who needs more time (like more than 30 min) to answer this question hasn't really taken the time to reflect on the relationships he has been in and that is a huge red flag.

2 What would be the biggest complaints that the women in your past would have about you? Do you agree or disagree with their complaints?

There is no reason for a man to tell you that there were no complaints. If he does, 9 out of 10 times he is lying and that's a red flag.

3 Tell me about your first love/first relationship. Why did it end and what did you learn?

This question seeks to discover how much of an effect did this man's first real relationship have on him and if he is still being affected by it.

4 How long ago was your last serious relationship?

Could it be too soon for him to engage in a relationship with you? Would you be comfortable with a man who was in a serious relationship 6 months ago. Find this out asap!

5 **Have you ever been married? Engaged?**

This question is SUPER important. It exposes heavy relationship baggage that you need to be aware of. There is baggage with both a married or engaged man and should strongly be taken into consideration when deciding whether to continue entertaining this man or not. Do you really want to be with a man who may have broken his vows to another woman?



Questions that address his sexual history is important because you need to be aware of the sexual baggage you may be at risk for if you decide to move forward with this man.

1 When was the last time you engaged in any sexual activity?

Right here you want to know how long is this man able to keep himself. Are you out here being celibate while he is giving into his flesh? Are you willing to continue to move forward with him even if he has? Yes a man can lie to you, but it's best to ask anyway to see what his response will be. Sometimes men can be brutally honest and it can be pretty surprising.

2 Have you ever been sexually abused or assaulted?

You really need to be aware if there is a possibility that the man you will be dealing is at risk for not being emotionally available or is suffering mentally, emotionally or spiritually from being sexually abused.

3 Have you ever had a sexual relationship with somebody of the same sex?

Will he be offended at this question? Possibly. But your job is not to avoid offending him, your job is to try to get a better feel for who you are dealing with. You want to have the choice to decide if you want to be with a man who has had sex with other men.

Could he lie? Sure! But that doesn't mean the question shouldn't be asked. Make sure you also pay attention to body language and reaction to this question. All of this is important as well.

4 What are your thoughts concerning porn?

Ask this to see how he views the perversion of sex and intimacy. I would recommend not moving forward with a man who think porn is cool to dabble in. A man who views porn as harmless is a man too naive to be anyone's husband.

5 What are your thoughts concerning sexual responsibility?

The response to this question can reveal so much about the man's personal view on sex and sexuality. One man may view sexual responsibility as waiting till marriage for sex and another may view sexual responsibility as strapping up with a condom for any woman he wants to have sex with. This is why you should ask this question instead of "Do you believe in waiting til marriage for sex?"



Questions that address his spiritual maturity are so important to ask because too many women are fooled by simply asking a man "Are you a Believer?" or by thinking because he goes to church and knows what the Bible says that he is a true follower of Christ.

And even if he is a true follower of Christ, his responses to these questions will reveal if he is a babe in the faith or a seasoned believer.

1 How did you truly come to know God and how long have you known him for yourself?

This is a much better question than "Are you a Christian" or "Are you a believer." Why? Because it forces the man to have to reflect on how he actually came to know for himself. There is no room for "Me and God have a personal relationship." response right here, because he's gonna have to reveal how this relationship got started.

2 What sins do you find yourself struggling with the most?

This is a question to get him indirectly talking about his weaknesses and personal flaws. He should at least be able to give you one. If he can't give you at least one he isn't being very honest with you or himself.

3 What do you often find yourself praying about?

This is a question to ask instead of "Do you pray?". His response will reveal to you if he is a prayer or not. Not only that, but it also reveals his mindset due to the types of things he chooses to pray about.

4 What is your favorite scripture and why?

This questions kind of puts the guy on the spot, and reveals how familiar he is with his Word. He doesn't have to quote this word for word, but he definitely needs to be able to paraphrase. If he can't think of any scriptures, then that is a huge red flag.

5 If I was an unbeliever, how would you share the Gospel with me?

Now, I'm hoping at this point, you yourself knows how to share the Gospel with others for this one...or else you trying to get something you don't even have. This question reveals if he has a foundational understanding of why we even need Christ in the first place. If he doesn't understand this concept or can't articulate it, I would really question how close his relationship is with God.



These questions are important to ask because contrary to popular belief, you don't just marry a man...you marry into his family as well. Not only that, you need to know how this family has affected his life and will affect your marriage if you decide to follow through.

1 What is your relationship with your father? Mother? How has this impacted you?

It's important to know if a man possibly has mommy or daddy issues. If he does, this is something that will carry into your marriage. Are you willing to handle all of this? Would you like for him to see a therapist if you choose to move forward? These are the things you should be asking yourself.

2 What is your relationship with your extended family? How has this impacted you?

It's important for you to know if the man you are entertaining has a positive or negative relationship with his extended family. If he has had a positive relationship it's more likely they acted as the "village" to help raise him and serve as an extra layer of accountability. If it is a negative relationship...then you need to find out why. It might be because they are all demons lol. Who knows?

3 How much influence does your family have over your decisions?

It can really be admirable for a man to be influenced by his family (especially if raised by righteous parents) because it shows a certain level of honor. It can also be a nightmare if this family has TOO much influence over this man because at the end of the day...man leaves mother and father to cleave to his wife. Make sure you really use your discernment with this one.

4 How did your family settle conflicts growing up?

This man is at a high risk of settling conflicts in a marriage similar to how he has been taught growing up. Did his family ignore conflict and keep it moving? Was there violence used to settle conflict? Yelling and screaming? Or did they talk things out? Calmed down and then regroup later to discuss? Did people usually apologize for the part they played? These things should be strongly considered.

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What is your relationship with your siblings? If only child, how has this impacted you growing up?

Will you be interacting with your brother and sister in laws often? Will your children have a huge chance of having a close relationship with their uncles or aunts? If he has a problem with his siblings find out why. No matter what, try to make sure you make some kind of contact with them regardless to see for yourself if you can.



These questions because under no circumstances would I advise a woman to marry an emotionally unavailable man because an intimate emotional commitment is what you will need with this man to survive and emotionally unavailable men cannot give you that.

1 What are your views on friendship?

Men who are emotionally mature and healthy understand the benefits and importance of having healthy friendships. If a man is adamant about "him against the world" or not needing any friends, that is a huge red flag that his emotional availability is incredibly low.

2 If I asked any woman of your past whether you were emotionally open, what would they say?

This requires him to pull from his past and put himself in the shoes of his exes. Do not accept responses such as "they would say I'm emotionally open". Make it clear that you would like a response with evidence as to why he believes they would say "this or that".

3 To whom in your life right now do you often say "I love you?"

Finding out who a man says "I love you" more than likely will point you in the direction of who he cares for the most. You really need to know who these people are. Also, it's good to know how comfortable a man is saying "I love you." Especially if you look forward to hearing it in your marriage.

4 Can you tell me about the last time you forgave someone?

Emotional healthy men are men who have a heart of forgiveness whereas they aren't looking to hold offenses over the head of others, harbor unnecessary resentment or unwilling to reconcile over pride.

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When something is bothering you...how do you typically handle it?

This is extremely important, because emotionally unavailable men tend to deal with things on their own, keeping their destructive feelings to themselves. This type of behavior is destructive to a healthy marriage.



These questions are important because you need to be aware of a man's potential, his lack of potential and how it will affect you if you were to proceed with marriage.

1 What are some specific goals you've had in the past 5 years that you've achieved for yourself?

Is he an action taker? Or just a talker? Is there anything tangible he can point to that shows that he wants more for himself and is willing to do what it takes to get there.

2 What are some specific goals that you want to achieve 5 years from now?

What is he thinking about for the future? Are they realistic goals? What's his plan of attack?

This question is most effective when asked in conjunction with the question above, because his answer to the first question solidifies his track record as to whether his goals 5 years from now are even realistic.

3 When you set a goal, what are some things that you do to ensure that you meet your goal?

Can he answer this question no problem? Is what he saying reasonable? Is he practical in providing steps to what he does or is he a "pray and wait on Jesus" to work it all out type of man?

4 Who is the most ambitious person you know personally? How have they impacted you?

Find out who this person is. Depending on how ambitious this person he knows is, it could be a reflection on how ambitious he is or how he views himself in light of that person. Find out if this ambitious person has rubbed off on him or not. It's not a requirement for a man to be super ambitious, but you need to know for yourself because you don't want to resent your husband if you are looking for him to be ambitious and he is far from that.

5 When you die, what would you like your obituary to say?

This is your chance to hear how the man you are evaluating wants others to view him. This is also a chance to see if he is delusional or not. If there is a big discrepancy between how he wants others to see him versus who he really is, that is a red flag and something you need to pay attention to.



These questions are important because you need to be very well of how a potential husband views himself. Low self-esteem in him will lead to bad treatment of you.

1 What are your biggest strengths? How have they impacted you and others around you?

Can he readily think of and share his strengths with you or is it hard for him? Can he readily shared how his strengths has benefited others around him? If not, why not? If he can't do this, then it's a red flag that he might not think much of himself or his abilities.

2 What really excites and motivates you?

A man who is usually excited and motivated usually have higher confidence levels because he participates in activities that build it.

3 What are some things you really love about yourself?

Not only should this man be able to think of a few things he really loves about himself, but he should also be able to share things that he loves about himself that are not shallow in nature. Pay very close attention to what he loves about himself.

4 Who are the people in your life that helps nurture or support your dreams?

He should have this in his life. If he doesn't, it's a good chance that his self-esteem is lower than it should be because it's hard to be confident when there is anyone around to help you nurture or support your dreams.

5 If you could change anything about yourself...what would it be?

Pay close attention to this answer. It's a huge red flag if a man has a lot of things he would change about himself. It shows he isn't really comfortable with who he is. Also, if he doesn't want to change anything about himself..that is also a red flag. There should always be something about a person they are looking to improve.



Questions that address His View on Community

These questions are important because if this man is a potential husband, you want to know if he values a strong support system to not only hold him accountable, but also help him grow and mature as a man. Not only that, but you also want to look for a man who isn't selfish...who looks to help others prosper outside of himself.

1 When was the last time you volunteered or did something for someone or the community for free and what did you do?

This question gives you a glimpse into his servanthood. Is a dealbreaker if he hasn't really been involved in his community? No. But it's important for you to know as a woman, his level of selflessness. A man who is willing to serve others is more than likely a man who is willing to serve you as well. It also causes a man to actually give an account of his actions instead of giving you a simple "yes" or "no" answer.

2 What person has encouraged you the most in your personal growth and how?

This question will help reveal important areas of his support system. You need to be in contact with whoever he names as someone who has been so integral in his spiritual growth. He should also be fine with you being in contact with this person. If he has nobody, then I seriously question whether he is a true believer or someone just playing a role for your attention.

3 Whenever you seek help or in a crises, who do you consult?

This reveals the level of accountability this man is willing to have in his life to keep himself straight. I strongly urge you to avoid men who are not accountable to anyone...especially to another man. These men are dangerous to be in a relationship with because they only rely on themselves to make decisions even tho Scripture says there is wisdom in a multitude of counselors.

4 Do you have ongoing relationships with a mentor? If so, who?

Is it a deal breaker if he doesn't have an ongoing relationship with a mentor? No, but this question reveals his commitment to maintaining an essential part of his support system. A man who regularly reaches out to others for help is really good, but it's awesome when he seeks to be another's mentee.

5 How many married men are you close friends with?

This is extremely important. Not only does it exposes either a weakness or strength in his support system, but it gives you an understanding of his exposure to not only marriages, but healthy marriages.

Men who are close friends with other married men are more likely to have accountability in his marriage, have solid companionship and receive sound advice when it comes to his marriage.



These questions should be asked because it's important for you to have some insight on the man who may be the leader of your household and how well he responds to his environment. Not only that, but these questions also indirectly address his emotional availability

Does he own up to his mistakes? Does he use his experiences to learn from and do better the next time?

1 When was the last time you made a mistake? How did you handle it?

This question can help you understand 2 things: 1. The man's willingness to admit and accept responsibilities for his mistakes and 2. How he allows himself to be personal responsible. If he can't think of any mistake, he either isn't being truthful, or he isn't truly self-aware of himself.

2 Do you believe most things happen by chance or by choice? What's your personal philosophy?

Really hear him out in his answer. Pay close attention to if he strays way to far with most things happening because of chance. It may be an indicator of how responsible he feels for things that happen in his life. It will be a problem for you if you marry a man who feels like he can't do anything to affect or influence change in his life.

3 How often do you take the time to self-reflect? What is your process of Self-reflecting?

If he asks you what you mean by this, clarify by saying 'how often do you take the time to think about what you are doing well and what could you be doing better? A righteous man is often thinking of this.

4 Who is responsible for the reason why your previous relationships didn't pan out?

Pay attention to see if this man is blaming everyone else but himself, for why none of his past relationships worked out. That is a huge red flag that if you marry him, you will be blamed for why things are going wrong in your marriage.

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What behaviors or actions do you find yourself apologizing the most for?

This questions helps to reveal the behaviors or actions this man's feels most accountable for. Pay close attention to what he shares these behaviors and actions are.



Questions that address His Commitment to Personal Growth

These questions should be asked because you should have an understanding of a man's plan to make relevant, positive and effective life choices and decisions for your future to enable personal empowerment.

1 What are your greatest weaknesses and how are you seeking to improve them?

This question reveals what this man believes his weaknesses are as well as challenges him to confront whether he has been trying to improve them. This man should be able to give you a couple of weaknesses or that is a huge red flag. Also, recognize whether or not he mentions things you already know are weaknesses of his.

2 How would you like to change in the next five years?

Really pay attention to what he has to say here. This question gives a little more insight on what this man feels he would like to improve. Is what he is wanting to change realistic or does it sound more like dreams to you?

3 Have you ever made a decision that you regretted? What was it?

Does he regret a lot? A little? Nothing? Just listen to see if his response is reasonable...regardless of his answer.

4 If you could relive the last few years all over again. Is there anything you would do differently?

This is just to see where his head's at now versus where it was at a few years ago. Just pay attention to the things that he states he would have done differently and make sure it all makes sense to you.

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What advice would you give to your teenage self?

Listen to see if this advice is Biblically sound, reasonable and reflective of who he is as a man today



These questions should be asked because they although they are fun , light-hearted, and technically no "right or wrong" responses.... they are great at revealing a lot about a man's quirks, reasoning sophistication, thinking capacity, philosophes, and random nuances.,

1 Love or Respect? Which one matters to you most and why?

This question reveals how a man inherently defines what love and respect is, which allows you interact with him based on how he defines them and if you're ready...look to reconcile any differences you may have on the differences. When he responds does it Is love an action or a feeling to him? Is respect obedience? Acknowledgment of leadership?

2 Please provide me a theme word to describe the day you've had today?

The word he chooses is definitely indicative of his outlook, experience and perspective on the day he's had. Is it a negative word (possible sign of pessimism)? Did he get creative like give you a word in a different language (possible sign of creativity) ? Did he provide a word that that's "google" worthy (possible sign of intelligence)?

3 Fire or water? Which one would you rather control and why?

Seems super innocent, but a man who chooses water because "it's the foundation of life" appears to have more reasoning sophistication and a more mature philosophy than the man who chooses fire because he wants to be able to burn stuff down at random

4 If you could commit any crime and get away with it....what would it be?

Another question that appears super innocent but there is a difference between a man who will choose to rob a bank via cyber space vs a man who will choose to rob a bank by pointing a gun, scaring everyone and hopping into a getaway car.

Am I saying rule a guy out based on his response...NO..I'm saying pay attention, make connections across conversations and note trends in his personality and character.

5 If you could be blessed with any superpower, what would it be?

A man who reveals that he would love to have the power to be anywhere in the world in seconds could be indicating his value for travel and a man who would love to have super strength could be one who relishes in his manhood and ego. None of this may be true, but its all worthy enough to pay attention to.

