

Pre Marriage Counseling Handbook Alan And Donna Goerz

Meeting the challenges and complexities of modern coupling. Therapists who do not specialize in premarital counseling are often called on to provide this therapy, or they may wish to expand into this field. Two therapists with decades of experience offer an overview of the basics of premarital counseling and the most common issues presented by premarital couples in therapy.

This authoritative handbook provides a definitive overview of the theory and practice of couple therapy. Noted contributors--many of whom developed the approaches they describe--combine clear conceptual exposition with thorough descriptions of therapeutic techniques. In addition to presenting major couple therapy models in step-by-step detail, the book describes effective applications for particular populations and problems. Chapters adhere closely to a uniform structure to facilitate study and comparison, enhancing the book's utility as a reference and text. See also *Clinical Casebook of Couple Therapy*, also edited by Alan S. Gurman, which presents in-depth illustrations of treatment.

Making choices of who to marry and how to identify and live with the right partner among matured youths today is a great task for many to embark on. To proof if God permits one to marry a particular person is a strong confusion and decision to make. The youths today want step by step details, guidelines of all the dos and don'ts of courtship and relationships. This is a book that comprehensively help one to make an informed choice for discovering the right life partner in today's increasingly complex world. This book provides the necessary physical and spiritual tools and how to use them to make a better relationship and dating choices. It contains advanced tools, concepts, and strategies made available to lay a good and solid foundation for a better and future marriage relationship without confusion and regret. The book gives answers to questions young men do ask at particular times in their lives as when do I marry? who do I marry? where do I marry from? how do I know if he or she is Gods will for my life? Also, it deals with life discovery questions to help in finding out what to do and not to do to avoid regrettable mistakes in married life and maintain a loving marital relationship?

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Over a million copies sold! “An eminently practical guide to an emotionally intelligent—and long-lasting—marriage.”—Daniel Goleman, author of *Emotional Intelligence* The *Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* has revolutionized the way we understand, repair, and strengthen marriages. John Gottman's unprecedented study of couples over a period of years has allowed him to observe the habits that can make—and break—a marriage. Here is the culmination of that work: the seven principles that guide couples on a path toward a harmonious and long-lasting relationship. Straightforward yet profound, these principles teach partners new approaches for resolving conflicts, creating new common ground, and achieving greater levels of intimacy. Gottman offers strategies and resources to help couples collaborate more effectively to resolve any problem, whether dealing with issues related to sex, money, religion, work, family, or anything else. Packed with new exercises and the latest research out of the esteemed Gottman Institute, this revised edition of *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* is the definitive guide for anyone who wants their relationship to attain its highest potential.

Most of us have been perplexed by a strange sense of familiarity when doing something for the first time. We feel that we have been here before, or done this before, but know for sure that this is impossible. In fact, according to numerous surveys, about two-thirds of us have experienced *déjà vu* at least once, and most of us have had multiple experiences. There are a number of credible scientific interpretations of *déjà vu*, and this book summarizes the broad range of published work from philosophy, religion, neurology, sociology, memory, perception, psychopathology, and psychopharmacology. This book also includes discussion of cognitive functioning in retrieval and familiarity, neuronal transmission, and double perception during the *déjà vu* experience.

Bishop D.G. Hood draws on his more than 13 years of ministry and marriage counseling experience to provide a road map to couples suffering from *The Emotional Divorce*. During my years of marital counseling as a pastor I have witnessed many couples that have decided to end their marriages after suffering a breakdown of the marital bond because of *The Emotional Divorce*. The question that I always ask is simple: how did you get to this place? How can two people who have shared so much of their lives together simply disconnect and disengage their love for one another? After listening to dozens of couples, including fellow pastors of failed marriages, I have identified the factors that contribute to their condition in this book. If you know your marriage is in trouble don't ignore the signs, this book was written to help you restore the continuity, compassion and communication in your marriage.

The experts at the Love Lab introduce a series of effective tools and practical steps for couples looking to improve or preserve their relationships, explaining how to identify common problems and to develop positive ways to avoid these destructive pitfalls. Reprint. 40,000 first printing.

Almost everyone knows someone who has been impacted by broken trust in marriage. Perhaps it is you, a family member, a friend, or someone you are trying to help and guide. *Marriage Trust Builders* is about strengthening and restoring the trust in marriage. It is written to help the couples that are struggling because of weak trust in their marriages. It is also written to help marriages that have experienced broken trust. It provides guidance for the spouse who is hurting, the one who caused the pain, and also for those who are walking alongside to help.

NAMED ONE OF 2019'S BEST BEACH READS BY Oprah Magazine • New York Post • PopSugar • The Globe and Mail FEATURED IN Us Weekly • Parade • Hollywood Reporter • Chatelaine “Marissa Stapley's writing is a gift.”—Pam Jenoff, New York Times bestselling author of *The Orphan's Tale* *The Harmony Resort* promises hope for struggling marriages. Run by

celebrity power couple Drs. Miles and Grace Markell, the “last resort” offers a chance for partners to repair their relationships in a luxurious setting on the gorgeous Mayan Riviera. Johanna and Ben have a marriage that looks perfect on the surface, but in reality, they don’t know each other at all. Shell and Colin fight constantly: after all, Colin is a workaholic, and Shell always comes second to his job as an executive at a powerful mining company. But what has really torn them apart is too devastating to talk about. When both couples begin Harmony’s intensive therapy program, it becomes clear that Harmony is not all it seems—and neither are Miles and Grace themselves. What are they hiding, and what price will these couples pay for finding out? As a deadly tropical storm descends on the coast, trapping the hosts and the guests on the resort, secrets are revealed, loyalties are tested and not one single person—or their marriage—will remain unchanged by what follows.

A Pre-Marriage Counselling Handbook Set

As you begin preparing for your big wedding day, this Marriage by GOD program is designed to assist you in preparing for a BIG MARRIAGE. Using the companion counselor's guide, a mature Christian couple can come beside you and mentor you through biblical principles and time-tested techniques for fulfilling God's great plan for marriage.

This is what couples say to Dr. Emily Cook when they acknowledge that in order to fix the problems in their marriage, they need help. This may be where you are right now, too. And no matter how you're feeling—hopeful, anxious, hurt, frustrated, tired, ready for change—the guidance offered in this book will bring clarity, comfort, and change for both you and your spouse. Drawing on more than a decade of experience counseling couples at all stages of marriage. Dr. Cook brings you The Marriage Counseling Workbook—an 8-step program for restoring your marriage to a place of health and connection. Similar to what you'd find in real-life sessions with Dr. Cook, this self-guided marriage counseling journey helps you identify what is causing you pain in your marriage, learn how to alleviate it, and confidently prevent it in the future. Gain Insight into Your Marital Struggles, by learning about the most common challenges couples face and how they affect your relationship, Better Understand Yourself and Your Partner, through thought-provoking questions and evaluations, Learn to Work Through Problems and Find Solutions with a 8-step structure that includes practical, results-oriented exercises Book jacket.

Weaving together classic cases outlined in Hope-Focused Marriage Counseling and over seventy-five brand new practical interventions, Jennifer Ripley and Everett Worthington Jr. expand and deepen their theoretical approach while providing new practical interventions for couple counseling and enrichment.

The Pre-Marriage Counselling Handbook with Master Outlines was written specifically for the African context on how to build a successful marriage. Covering topics such as: Getting to know your spouse Communication skills and conflict resolution Marriage vows What the Bible says about sex In-law relationships Financial home management Preparing a godly home for children Building a biblical foundation Designed as a seminar-in-a-book, A Pre-Marriage Counselling Handbook equips pastors and counselors to teach biblical premarriage classes and seminars. Sold as a two-volume set with handout masters allows teacher to copy class worksheets.

A session by session guide book for mental health practitioners on how to conduct evidence-based couples counseling. The book guides the therapist step by step through twelve sessions, and covers everything from the very first client phone call all the way through termination.

You hear and read a lot about ways to improve your relationship. But if you've tried these without much success, you're not alone. Many highly reactive couples—pairs that are quick to argue, anger, and blame—need more than just the run-of-the-mill relationship advice to solve their problems in love. When destructive emotions are at the heart of problems in your relationship, no amount of effective communication or intimacy building will fix what ails it. If you're part of a "high-conflict" couple, you need to get control of your emotions first, to stop making things worse, and only then work on building a better relationship. The High-Conflict Couple adapts the powerful techniques of dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) into skills you can use to tame out-of-control emotions that flare up in your relationship. Using mindfulness and distress tolerance techniques, you'll learn how to deescalate angry situations before they have a chance to explode into destructive fights. Other approaches will help you disclose your fears, longings, and other vulnerabilities to your partner and validate his or her experiences in return. You'll discover ways to manage problems with negotiation, not conflict, and to find true acceptance and closeness with the person you love the most.

Psychologist Larry Crabb cuts to the heart of the biblical view of marriage: the 'one-flesh' relationship. He argues convincingly that the deepest needs of human personality -- security and significance -- ultimately cannot be satisfied by a marriage partner. We need to turn to the Lord, rather than our spouse, to satisfy our needs. This frees both partners for 'soul oneness,' a commitment to minister to our spouse's needs rather than manipulating them to meet our own needs. With 'soul oneness' comes renewed 'body oneness,' where couples enjoy sexual pleasure as an expression and outgrowth of a personal relationship. The Marriage Builder also identifies three building blocks essential to constructing marriage: the grace of God, true marriage commitment, and acceptance of one's mate. Now for the first time, discussion questions have been added to aid couples who want to come to deeper understanding of marriage. Helpful to counselors and laypersons alike, The Marriage Builder is for anyone who longs to transform marriage from trial to triumph.

As you begin counting down to your wedding day or find yourself in the midst of the early years of marriage, it's important to invest time and energy into building a lifelong partnership. Over 8 sessions, learn to develop your foundation as individuals and a couple while growing in your understanding of Christ and His divine goal for marriage. Allow Him to be your teacher, guide, counselor, and coach as you discover biblical principles behind living life to the fullest as a couple. Features: Interactive questions and tools to guide discussion and make the study personal for couples Tools and suggestions for pre-marital education and counsel Seven weeks of personal study segments to complete between eight weeks of group sessions Benefits: Understand God's biblical purpose for marriage to establish a foundation that provides stability and oneness in your relationship Learn that following God's principles leads to freedom in the roles and responsibilities of husband and wife Follow God's stewardship principles for financial freedom Challenge thinking regarding needs, intimacy, and oneness in marriage Keep Christ first and grow in spiritual maturity as a couple Learn the necessary skills to effectively communicate and

manage conflict Create healthy expectations for marriage

Pastors and counselors regularly minister to people whose marriages or families are in crisis. Tempers run high and feelings are brought low when a marriage is hurting or a family is in disarray. Pastors and counselors need practical, biblical help in order to connect their theological training to the reality of modern messy relationships. These how-to training manuals provide relevant, user-friendly equipping for pastors, counselors, lay leaders, educators, and students, enabling them to competently and compassionately relate God's Word to marriage and family life.

Everyone wants to be loved--to find someone who will stick with them through all of life's ups and downs, someone who is in it for the long haul. But in a world where dating is increasingly based on split-second decisions and geared toward casual relationships rather than marriage, it's easy for single people to feel discouraged, used, or unworthy of true love and lasting affection. Reality just never seems to match up with our (often wildly unrealistic) expectations. Jonathan "JP" Pokluda has counseled thousands of young singles through the pain and heartbreak of dating the world's way. Now he wants to dispel the myths, misconceptions, and fairy tales you've believed about dating and replace them with the truth from the One who invented marriage, created you to crave relationship, and is the very embodiment of true love. With plenty of true stories about relationships healed and love found, this practical book explains God's purposes for singleness, dating, and marriage and covers why you should date, who you should date, and how you should date. If you're ready to trade the world's way of dating for the way that actually works, it's time to begin dating well.

Elie Wiesel: Humanist Messenger for Peace is part biography and part moral history of the intellectual and spiritual journey of Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, human rights activist, author, university professor, and Nobel Peace Prize winner. In this concise text, Alan L. Berger portrays Wiesel's transformation from a pre-Holocaust, deeply God-fearing youth to a survivor of the Shoah who was left with questions for both God and man. An advisor to American presidents of both political parties, his nearly 60 books voiced an activism on behalf of oppressed people everywhere. The book illuminates Wiesel's contributions in the areas of religion, human rights, literature, and Jewish thought to show the impact that he has had on American life. Supported by primary documents about and from Wiesel, the volume gives students a gateway to explore Wiesel's incredible life. This book will make a great addition to courses on American religious or intellectual thought.

A practical, down-to-earth guide to using the world's most successful approach to couple therapy One of the most successful therapeutic approaches to healing dysfunctional relationships, emotionally focused couple therapy provides clients with powerful insights into how and why they may be suppressing their emotions and teaches them practical ways to deal with those feelings more constructively for improved relationships. Unlike cognitive-behavioural therapy, which provides effective short-term coping skills, emotionally focused therapy often is prescribed as a second-stage treatment for couples with lingering emotional difficulties. Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy For Dummies introduces readers to this ground-breaking therapy, offering simple, proven strategies and tools for dealing with problems with bonding, attachment and emotions, the universal cornerstones of healthy relationships. An indispensable resource for readers who would like to manage their relationship problems independently through home study Delivers powerful techniques for dealing with unpleasant emotions, rather than repressing them and for responding constructively to complex relationship issues The perfect introduction to EFT basics for therapists considering expanding their practices to include emotionally focused therapy methods Packed with fascinating and instructive case studies and examples of EFT in action, from the authors' case files Provides valuable guidance on finding, selecting and working with the right EFT certified therapist

A USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestseller! Learn how to fight better and end your arguments with your partner feeling closer, more loved, and better understood. We take our cars in for oil changes. We mow our lawns and pull weeds. Why don't we do maintenance on our marriages? This relationship is the most important one we will ever have, so why not get better at it? For the last several years, Penn and Kim Holderness of The Holderness Family have done the hard maintenance and the research to learn how to fight better. With the help of their marriage coach Dr. Christopher Edmonston, they break down their biggest (and in some cases, funniest) fights. How did a question about chicken wings turn into a bra fight (no, not a?bar?fight; a?bra?fight)? How did a roll of toilet paper lead to tears, resentment, and a stint in the guest bedroom? With their trademark sense of humor and complete vulnerability, Penn and Kim share their 10 most common Fight Fails and how to combat them. Throughout the book, they offer scripts for how to start, continue, and successfully close hard conversations. Couples will emerge equipped to engage and understand, not do battle—and maybe laugh a little more along the way. In?Everybody Fights, couples will learn how to: Use “magic words” for healthy conflict resolution Address unspoken and unrealistic expectations Banish the three Ds of unhealthy communication—distraction, denial, and delay Carry individual baggage while helping your partner deal with theirs Penn and Kim want you to know you're not alone. Everybody fights.?Marriage is messy. Marriage is work. But marriage is worth it. Fight for it!

A crash course in commitment: one couple and forty dates that could make or break their marriage before the wedding. Picking a partner is life's most important decision, but how are we supposed to make it? Being in love is a good start, but the issues that ultimately wreck marriages--money and monogamy, career and kids--are hard to gauge until you're actually hitched. So after a few years of dating, Jill Andres and Brook Silva-Braga built The Marriage Test to confirm their compatibility before saying "I do." Forty revealing challenges simulate the issues that could tank or strengthen their union. For a month, they swap credit cards, for a weekend they borrow a baby. An embarrassing lunch with their exes tests their trust issues. Sexual gymnastics are required to recreate TV love scenes. From a night of speed dating to 24 hours handcuffed together, the crazy, awkward, emotional trials fling them headfirst into assorted marital minefields. Is their love strong enough to weather real life? Only forty dates will tell...

An ideal supplemental text, this instructive casebook presents in-depth illustrations of treatment based on the most important couple therapy models. An array of leading clinicians offer a window onto how they work with clients grappling with mild and more serious clinical concerns, including conflicts surrounding intimacy, sex, power, and communication; parenting issues; and mental illness. Featuring couples of varying ages, cultural backgrounds, and sexual orientations, the cases shed light on both what works and what doesn't work when treating intimate partners. Each candid case presentation includes engaging comments and discussion questions from the editor. See also *Clinical Handbook of Couple Therapy, Fourth Edition*, also edited by Alan S. Gurman, which provides an authoritative overview of theory and practice.

The Song of Solomon offers strikingly candid—and timeless—insights on romance, dating, marriage, and sex. We need it. Because emotions rise and fall with a single glance, touch, kiss, or word. And we are inundated with songs, movies, and advice that contradicts God's design for love and intimacy. Matt Chandler helps navigate these issues for both singles and marrieds by revealing the process Solomon himself followed: Attraction, Courtship, Marriage ... even Arguing. *The Mingling of Souls* will forever change how you view and approach love.

Couples Therapy Workbook is a series of guided questions to promote meaningful couple conversations and build ongoing, connected communication. The core of this unique guide is 30 guided conversations of the most critical relationship struggles. For each of the 30 topics, there is an introduction, goal-setting strategies and 10 scripted questions to ask each other - all presented in an easy-to-use mindful style. Set in a weekly format over 30 days but can be tailored to any timeframe. Designed to be used to couples, and also by therapists working with couples (bonus clinician prep included with each conversation). Week 1- Who Are We? Falling in Love, Friendship, Caring, Acceptance, Empathy, Emotional Intimacy, Rituals Week 2 - Who Am I? Childhood, Family Origin, Temperament, Influences, Spirituality, Values, How I Think Week 3- How do we work?

Communication, Conflict, Defensiveness, Intimacy, Trust, Fidelity and Boundaries, Parenting, Staying in Sync Week 4 - What do we want? Romance, Joy and Gratitude, respect, Apologies and Forgiveness, Challenges, Relationship Savings Account, Past, Present & Future, Keeping Connected Reviews: "What a unique resource! A treasure-trove of guided conversations to increase intimacy and friendship. Therapists often ask me for good homework assignments. This book does the thinking for you. Keep it on hand and whether its values, sex, conflict or other challenging issues, you'll have a ready-made way to help your clients make immediate progress." -- Ellyn Bader, Ph.D, Founder/Director The Couples Institute "This is a valuable resource for anyone working with couples. Any couple can profit greatly if they are willing to take Kathleen Youngman's challenge to explore these important topics and discuss these wonderful questions." -- Milan and Kay Yerkovich, Authors of best-selling *How We Love* series "Instead of offering analysis, advice or theory, *The Couples Therapy Workbook* offers just that, a set of questions to stimulate conversations that help couples deepen their engagement with each other and reconnect. All couples will find this an exceptional guide, and all therapists will find it an effective instrument to supplement the therapeutic process. I highly recommend it and complement the author on her creativity and attention to the core details of a connected relationship." --Harville Hendrix, Ph. D. and Helen LaKelly Hunt, Ph. D.; Authors of *Making Marriage Simple* and *Getting the Love You Want*.

Right From the Start: A Pastor's Guide to Premarital Counseling is a guide for pastors and counselors to help couples prepare for and succeed in married life.

Discover How To Save Your Marriage And Reignite Those Same Feelings That Once Brought You Both Together This book will teach you the same proven strategies that professionals use around the world to help bring couples back together again. Marriage is not always an easy relationship to be in, there are many ups and downs. Over time, the feelings of love and admiration that a couple once had for one another can slowly fade away and even vanish completely. At this point, frustration usually sets in and that's when the problems start. However, those feelings that were once shared by the two of you can be revived rather easily with the right mindset. All it takes is an open mind and the proper guidance and you're marriage will be back on track, full of love and happiness. I wrote this book to help couples rescue their marriages before its too late. The strategies and techniques found in this book have helped hundreds of couples around the world, and they can most certainly help you too. Here Is A Preview Of What You Will Learn... How To Confront Your Spouse Without Arguing How To Re-establish Trust And Positive Communication How To Rekindle The Love That You Both Once Shared How To Use Simple Strategies That Will Continue To Nurture Your Relationship And Much, Much More! Purchase your copy of "How To Rescue Your Marriage" today. You'll be glad you did.

Do you have a real relationship with God, or do you just have a religion? Do you know God, or do you just know about God? In *How Big Is Your God?* Paul Coutinho, SJ, challenges us to grow stronger and deeper in our faith and in our relationship with God—a God whose love knows no bounds. To help us on our way, Coutinho introduces us to people in various world religions—from Hindu friends to Buddhist teachers to St. Ignatius of Loyola—who have shaped his spiritual life and made possible his deep, personal relationship with God.

Marriage expert Jimmy Evans and strengths expert Allan Kelsey show readers how to have a happier, stronger marriage by applying the concepts from the popular *StrengthsFinder* assessment to their relationship. One of the biggest obstacles to a happy, strong marriage is a lack of understanding of yourself and your spouse. With *Strengths Based Marriage*, MarriageToday cofounder Jimmy Evans and Gallup-trained strengths advocate Allan Kelsey give readers the tools they need to dismantle that hurdle and develop a deeper and richer relationship. Applying the revelatory concepts from the popular *Clifton StrengthsFinder* assessment to marriage (assessment itself not included in purchase price), Evans and Kelsey break new ground in helping readers understand themselves and others. With chapters on "Stopping the Cycles of Pain," "Speaking Love to Your Spouse's Heart," and "Secrets of Successful Marriages," the book details practical ways to apply these profound insights to your marriage every day. And as a bonus, with

your purchase of the book you'll receive access to more than two hours of exclusive video content revealing how to reach your marriage's full potential. Utterly practical and deeply insightful Strengths Based Marriage will forever change the way you see yourself, your spouse, and your marriage.

Marriage is momentous and meaningful. This premarital counseling guidebook for gay and lesbian couples highlights the importance of asking questions, exploring viewpoints, and discovering a few surprises about your future spouse. It explores common issues faced by all couples as well as some issues which are unique to gay and lesbian couples. In this guidebook, you'll find composite case studies illustrating real problems and creative solutions, and you'll find probing questions designed to help you learn more about your mate.

Most therapeutic approaches, especially those of a cognitive orientation, are not very effective in dealing with high conflict relationships--couples often heading toward divorce by the time they seek help. Counseling Couples in Conflict is a resource for counselors and therapists who want to be ready for these uniquely difficult cases. Utilizing a relational conflict and restoration model Mark Yarhouse and James Sells point the way beyond the cycle of pain towards marital healing.

More than a million couples can't be wrong! And with this updated edition of their award-winning book, Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott help you launch lifelong love like never before. This is more than a book—it's an experience, especially when you use the his/her workbooks filled with more than 40 fun exercises. Get ready for deeper intimacy with the best friend you'll ever have. Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts, in more than 15 languages, is the most widely used marriage prep tool in the world. Uncover the misbeliefs of marriage Learn to communicate with instant understanding Discover the secret to resolving conflict Master the skills of money management Get your sex life off to a great start A compelling video, featuring real-life couples, is available, and with this updated edition Les and Leslie unveil the game-changing SYMBIS Assessment. Now you can discover how to leverage your personalities for a love that last a lifetime. Make your marriage everything it is meant to be. Save your marriage—before (and after) it starts.

Techniques for the Couple Therapist features many of the most prominent psychotherapists today, presenting their most effective couple therapy interventions. This book provides clinicians with a user-friendly quick reference with an array of techniques that can be quickly read and immediately used in session. The book includes over 50 chapters by experts in the field on the fundamental principles and techniques for effective couple therapy. Many of the techniques focus on common couple therapy processes such as enactments, communication, and reframing. Others focus on specific presenting problems, such as trauma, sexual issues, infidelity, intimate partner violence, and high conflict. Students, beginning therapists, and seasoned clinicians will find this pragmatic resource invaluable in their work with couples.

A heartbreaking, funny, and honest look inside of a marriage falling apart and the lengths a couple would go to in order to fix it from the bestselling author of About a Boy and High Fidelity Now an Emmy award winning SundanceTV series starring Rosamund Pike and Chris O'Dowd Tom and Louise meet in a pub before their couple's therapy appointment. Married for years, they thought they had a stable home life--until a recent incident pushed them to the brink. Going to therapy seemed like the perfect solution. But over drinks before their appointment, they begin to wonder: what if marriage is like a computer? What if you take it apart to see what's in there, but then you're left with a million pieces? Unfolding in the minutes before their weekly therapy sessions, the ten-chapter conversation that ensues is witty and moving, forcing them to look at their marriage--and, for the first time in a long time, at each other.

In any endeavor, dreams and goals not backed by concrete plans and preparations can result in failure. And marriage is no exception, claims H. Norman Wright. In fact, without solid planning and forethought by engaged couples, we will surely see a continuation of the startling divorce rate among Christians and non-Christians alike. On the other hand, thorough premarital counseling and preparation can result in lifelong marriages that are fulfilling and God honoring. That's where the church comes in. More and more churches are realizing that their responsibility lies not only in pronouncing men and women 'husband and wife,' but also in making sure the proper foundation is laid so that marriages have a better chance of standing strong under pressure. Since its introduction in 1977 as Premarital Counseling, this book has been used by literally thousands of churches throughout the country as both a guide and reference tool. Now Dr. Wright has added new material to cover some perplexing issues that have come into prominence only recently. Among those special concerns are: Interracial marriages Second marriages Marriages of persons from dysfunctional families Writing for both pastors and other premarital counselors, H. Norman Wright sets you at ease about the counseling process, even if you've had only limited counseling experience. As the author of the popular Before You Say I Do and numerous other books on marriage, H. Norman Wright documents in The Premarital Counseling Handbook methods that have proved successful. These will help insure that the marriages performed in your church will resist the pressures that are destroying today's married couples.

The wedding day is just one day in the life of a couple. But God's design is for marriage to last a lifetime. So how can someone know that the person they're with is the one they can truly build a life with--especially when so few marriages around them work? Pastor Scott Kedersha has worked with more than 5,000 premarital couples to prepare them for the biggest decision of their lives. In Ready or Knot? he offers practical and Christ-centered guidance for couples for all of the days after the wedding day. Through authentic stories from real couples about the decisions they made (or wish they'd made), Scott asks the hard questions so his readers can break free from the watered-down Hollywood version of marriage and build their lives together on the right foundation--the unchanging Word of God.

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