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Your Christian Vocation

Chapter 2 Directed Reading Worksheet

The Vocation to Marriage

Date _____

Directions: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

Introduction: *God is the Author of Marriage* (pages 67-72)

1. Explain three things that good marriages have in common.
2. God wrote the _____ of marriage into the very _____ of men and women from the beginning. People exist both as individuals and in _____ with others. Good marriages, therefore, _____ the world of a basic principle about the human person: everyone _____ to love and to be loved. Marriage is one of the most profound, yet basic expressions, of the “_____.”
3. True or False? Though marriage can be thought of as a “natural” vocation that is ratified by human laws and customs, it is not a purely human institution.
4. True or False? Competition is a special relationship between man and woman that is unique among God’s creatures.
5. What responsibly and blessing did God give the first couple?
6. True or False? The second creation account emphasizes the companionship and unbreakable union between man and woman in marriage.
7. True or False? Marriage requires spouses to provide mutual support to each other.
8. The Books of Ruth and Tobit describe _____ and loving relationships between _____. This is revealed in the prayer of Tobiah and Sarah on their _____ night and in beautiful _____ of love between spouses expressed in the _____. Under the _____, the Jewish people held the practice of marriage up to a high _____.
9. True or False? A foretaste of the great love that God has for each human heart, and that Jesus has for the Church, his Bride, is revealed in the Song of Songs.
10. Why is it significant that Jesus’ first public miracle happened at the wedding feast in Cana?

11. Jesus affirmed the original _____ of the Creator for marriage and added, “what God has _____ together, no human being must _____.” Jesus blessed marriage and raised it to the level of a _____, to be a sign of the _____ of love between Christ and the _____. St. _____ wrote about the love of spouses reflecting the _____ of Christ for the Church.

Section 1: *The Nature of Marriage* (pages 73–76)

12. What are two fundamental truths about marriage revealed in the two creation accounts?

13. True or False? Christian marriage is much more than a human covenant between a man and a woman, it is a contract inviting God himself to enter into the union between a man and woman and transform it into a living reflection of God’s own love.

14. Human societies _____ the love of the Three Divine Persons which _____ from their sharing in one divine nature. This love is called the _____. The _____ love between a husband and wife is made holy by _____ in the love of the Blessed Trinity and this is lived most profoundly in the marital act, the _____ of marriage.

15. Following the _____ of Adam and Eve, one of the first consequences of _____ was a rupture in the _____ relationship between man and woman, and _____, divorce, and spousal abuse are all results of the _____ of sin on what God _____ for marriage. Hence, God provided a _____ to some of these effects of sin on _____.

16. How did the Chosen People’s understanding of God’s design of marriage develop over time?

17. True or False? Jesus clearly taught that marriage, from the beginning, was intended to be indissoluble until death.

18. Briefly note each of C. S. Lewis’s four types of love below.

- *Storge* –
- *Philia* –
- *Eros* –
- *Agape* –

19. True or False? Eros is the highest form of love.

20. True or False? The various types and aspects of love described by St. Paul allow a couple's love to flourish, a love he also applies to the love shared between Christ and his Church.

Section 2: Promises and Benefits of Marriage (pages 78–80)

21. What are the three promises of a Christian marriage?

22. The _____ to which the spouses give their full _____ each have associated benefits that will aid the married couple in _____ out the Sacrament of Matrimony. Indissolubility helps the couple to grow in _____ self-giving. Faithfulness protects and builds up their _____. Fruitfulness relates directly to the benefit of _____.

23. The grace offered by _____ in Matrimony promotes unity within the marriage and _____ the couple in working toward what is right and _____ for the other. Married _____ rests on the promise of a husband and wife to remain _____ to each other emotionally, mentally, and sexually. Because of their _____ commitment, they receive grace to build up that bond through a _____ of learning to _____ give and receive love.

24. True or False? The Church teaches that children are the supreme gift of marriage and contribute greatly to the good of the parents themselves.

Section 3: Complementarity and Chastity within Marriage (p.81-87)

25. While there are different ways to _____ maleness and femaleness, there are only two sexual _____ possible for the human person. Sexual identity is not _____ or subjective. The sexual differences _____ each other and lead to _____ because each of the two sexes is an _____ of the power and tenderness of God, with _____ dignity though in a different way.

26. Explain the most important principle of Pope John Paul II's talks on the Theology of the Body.

27. True or False? The differences between masculinity and femininity *and* the equality of all human persons are important.

28. True or False? The fact that humans need each other in their maleness and femaleness is evident in the second creation account when God says, "Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness."

29. Contrast the way the sexual act is often viewed in today's culture, with the Church's view that it must be reserved only for marriage.

30. The first end of the sexual love is the union of the spouses. Explain.
31. The second end of the sexual love is the procreation of children. Explain.
32. All married couples are called to the _____ of procreation and education of _____ because the Church sees this as a cooperation with the love of God the _____. Couples unable to conceive children can _____ their fruitfulness in different ways including _____ children, serving other _____ and the Church, and supporting missions for family and children, and even _____.
33. True or False? Contraception and other forms of birth control are unacceptable because they do not respect the unitive ends of the sexual act.
34. Everyone is called to _____. This means successfully _____ your sexuality into your identity as a human person made up of _____ and soul. It differs from _____ because the latter means refraining from all sexual acts. The _____ person does not _____ or reject human passions, but rather _____ the passions in such a way that freedom is not subject to _____.
35. True or False? Self-mastery is the denial of one's sexuality and the goodness of the sexual act.
36. True or False? For the single person, consecrated religious, and priest, the call to chastity includes continence.
37. How is chastity lived by married couples?
38. In short, what does individual chastity mean?
39. What are six offenses against chastity?

Section 4: *Discerning and Preparing for the Vocation to Marriage* (pages 88–91)

40. Making _____ and wise decisions now will help _____ you into a person who is able to embrace both the joys and _____ of married life, as well as help you _____ well the qualities of a good spouse. _____ good moral and virtuous skills will affect whatever _____ we are called to, particularly _____.
41. What is the ideal of family life?

42. What have studies shown about modern trends of dating in high school and college?

43. Explain the difference between “dating for entertainment” and “dating for discernment.”

44. True or False? The ultimate reason and purpose for dating is entertainment.

45. What are three dangers in dating for entertainment?

46. Courtship is another _____ for discernment. _____ means respecting the other person's _____ and getting to know the character of the other person in a spirit of _____. It is important for the couple to be open to the possibility that their relationship could lead to _____. The couple will typically spend more time getting to _____ each other in a family and group setting than on _____ dates.

47. You cannot be a good _____ without first knowing how to be a good _____. Skills that will be helpful in _____ can all be developed in a _____. Consequently, a good first step in dating is to go out with _____ of people as well as going on a casual _____ date with someone you have gotten to _____ from the group.