



## EXPECTATIONS ACTIVITY

### ESTABLISHING EXPECTATIONS

Please take the time to complete this activity separately then compare your answers and talk it through before session 2.

Answer questions by putting a mark on the line between Agree and Disagree with the statement.

Or if there is a blank, fill in with a number.

### SPIRITUAL

1. Our marriage should be a platform from which God can reach out to the community around us?

**Disagree-----Agree**

2. Our devotional life should daily include:

Joint prayer **Disagree-----Agree**

Joint scripture reading **Disagree-----Agree**

Joint quiet times **Disagree-----Agree**

3. We should be committed to regularly attending our church

**Disagree-----Agree**

4. We should be attempting to identify our spiritual gifts in order to discern our ministry as a couple

**Disagree-----Agree**

5. If at any time we don't feel our relationship is growing spiritually we must feel free to discuss it.

**Disagree-----Agree**

### EMOTIONAL

1. My longings for love and significant were well looked after during my childhood.

**Disagree-----Agree**

2. I am expecting my marriage partner to meet those deep longings

**Disagree-----Agree**

3. It will be my responsibility to fulfil these longings in my partner

**Disagree-----Agree**

4. If my partner fails at this the marriage is doomed

**Disagree-----Agree**



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**PHYSICAL**

1. God's purpose for sex is mainly procreation

**Disagree-----Agree**

2. 'Making love' is so important that couples should schedule special times if things get too hectic

**Disagree-----Agree**

3. Sexual relations are only as good as the spiritual/emotional relationship they celebrate

**Disagree-----Agree**

4. I would consider it a reasonable expectation for us to make love \_\_\_\_ times a week

**COMMUNICATION**

1. Couples should spend at least \_\_\_\_ minutes a day in face-to-face conversation

2. Marriage partners should make a point of filling in each other on the days events everyday

**Disagree-----Agree**

**FINANCES**

1. Married couples should have only shared bank accounts

**Disagree-----Agree**

2. Both income management and expenditure should be joint decisions

**Disagree-----Agree**

3. I don't believe partners should spend more than Mwk \_\_\_\_\_ without consulting each other

4. Sound financial management requires having a budget and every couple should have one

**Disagree-----Agree**

5. Tithing is an important way to honour God and a commitment we should make

**Disagree-----Agree**

**SELF-DEVELOPMENT**

1. Physical exercise is good stewardship of the body and should be done regularly

**Disagree-----Agree**

2. It is important to me that I continue to gain educational qualifications

**Disagree-----Agree**



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**FAMILY**

1. I hope we have \_\_\_\_\_ children
2. I would like us to begin having children in \_\_\_\_ years
3. Raising children is a joint responsibility

**Disagree-----Agree**

**EXTENDED FAMILY**

1. Once we are married our spouse becomes our number one human priority
2. We are required to meet the needs of extended family members from our marriage

**Disagree-----Agree**

When you have both answered the survey, exchange with your partner and discuss any answers where there are two or more points of difference.