

## **In-Laws**

- \_\_\_ 1. How close is each of us to our families? Will it be important to see them frequently?
- \_\_\_ 2. Is each of us willing to be advised by the other's parents?
- \_\_\_ 3. Can we or should we accept financial help from our families? How much, for what, and from which family?

## **Religious Tradition**

- \_\_\_ 1. Are our religious beliefs similar? If not, can we accept the other's beliefs?
- \_\_\_ 2. Does either of us feel strongly that the other must attend religious services?
- \_\_\_ 3. Should children be raised with particular religious beliefs?
- \_\_\_ 4. Should religious practices be part of every day's routine? How will religious holidays be spent?
- \_\_\_ 5. How much money, energy, or time should we spend on religious and charitable organizations?

## **Miscellaneous**

- \_\_\_ 1. Is profanity acceptable? Under what conditions?
- \_\_\_ 2. Is alcohol drinking acceptable? If so, how much drinking? Will drinking in front of children be OK?
- \_\_\_ 3. Is smoking acceptable? When and where?
- \_\_\_ 4. Should both of us go to bed at the same time? Who should get up first?
- \_\_\_ 5. Who should do the shopping? Who should choose major purchases, such as houses and automobiles?
- \_\_\_ 6. Should each of us be willing to tell the other everything we think, feel, and do?

**CHAPTER 20**

## Activity 20-12

# Life Choice Inventory

## Will the Marriage Work?

*Will the marriage work? Differences in opinion will pepper an otherwise bland relationship with challenges—but these differences can also destroy the relationship. It helps to know ahead of time where the major differences will be. The more of these questions the two people agree on, the more likely the marriage will work.*

**Money**

- \_\_\_ 1. Should both partners work? Should one stop working after children come?
- \_\_\_ 2. Should we keep all our money in a shared bank account? If so, who should pay the bills?
- \_\_\_ 3. What should the limits be on the use of credit cards?
- \_\_\_ 4. Who decides on big purchases?
- \_\_\_ 5. Should we follow a written budget?
- \_\_\_ 6. If one of us wants to do something more rewarding personally than financially, will that be all right?
- \_\_\_ 7. If one of our careers requires a move, will the other consider moving?
- \_\_\_ 8. How much of our income should we save, invest, and spend on insurance?
- \_\_\_ 9. Who will own the home, car, and other property? One of us? Both of us?

**Children**

- \_\_\_ 1. Do we want to have children? How many? When?
- \_\_\_ 2. Should children's needs be put before one of our needs?
- \_\_\_ 3. How much money shall we save for, or spend on, the children's needs?
- \_\_\_ 4. Who should discipline the children, when, and how?