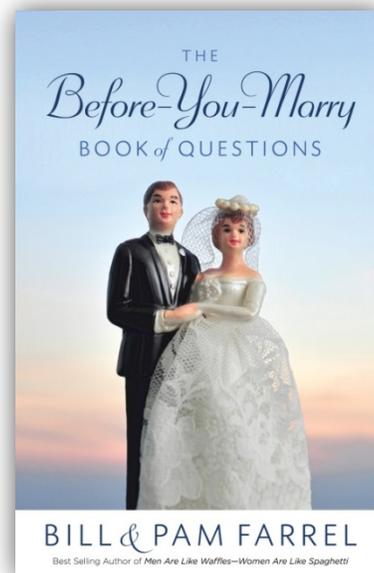


Are You *Ready* to Build a Lifetime of Love?

American divorce rates are at an all time high. A recent article entitled “Millennials and Marriage*,” posted on Public Discourse, the online publication of the Witherspoon Foundation, observed that while 70% of millennials hope to marry someday, very few know how to get there. Education is available for most other areas of life—parenting, money management, drugs and safe sex to name a few, yet very little energy is dedicated to helping people find a significant other they can build a strong and lasting marriage with.

“Lifelong love is a risky, courageous step—maybe the boldest decision you will ever make,” comments Bill Farrel, marriage expert and co-author of the new book, *The Before-You-Marry Book of Questions*. He further states that, “If you determine your future spouse is not the right person, it is better to set both of you free than to force things out of guilt, social pressure, or a false sense of duty. There is no good reason to go through with a marriage to someone you know is not good for you.”



In *The Before-You-Marry Book of Questions*, husband and wife team Bill and Pam Farrel challenge couples to think about and discuss about important issues before even talking about marriage. Important issues such as compatibility, kids, family, maturity and money management should be addressed. Filled with their trademark wisdom, humor, and insight, the book aims to rescue couples from allowing their emotions to cloud the most significant decisions of their lives.

Containing advice from scripture, examples from real life and theme date night suggestions, the book also provides “his and hers” quizzes and space for journaling so couples can reflect individually and come together to talk openly and freely about questions including;

- Does our relationship function the way God intended for a husband and wife?
- Do we have a strong enough friendship?
- How will we get along with our families after we get married?
- What will our parenting style be and how many children do we plan to have?
- When is it time to say “good-bye”?

In *The Before-You-Marry Book of Questions*, Bill and Pam Farrel come alongside couples to help them develop the skills that will build a strong foundation and lead to a successful marriage and life together.



“Since God is the creator of love, any time your love for one another aligns with God’s principles, it will run smoother, work better, feel richer, be kinder, and have a sweeter influencer on others.”

*<http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2013/09/10481/>

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About the Authors

Bill and Pam Farrel are relationship specialists who help people discover how to be “Love Wise.” They are international speakers and authors of over 35 books, including the best-selling *Men are Like Waffles—Women Are Like Spaghetti* (nearly 350,000 sold). A few of their other books include: *Single Men are Like Waffles*, *Single Women are Like Spaghetti*, *Red-Hot Monogamy*, *Why Men and Women Act the Way They Do* and *The 10 Best Decisions a Single Can Make*.



Bill and Pam are frequent guests on radio and television, and their writing has appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers. Bill has experience as a senior pastor, youth pastor and most recently as a pastor to small groups. Pam has experience as a director of women, pastor’s wife and mentor. Their books have been translated into over 16 languages. They have been happily married for 34 years and are parents to three children, two daughters-in-law and three small granddaughters. The Farrels live in San Diego, California.

Suggested Interview Questions

- Why is it so important for couples to be “ready for love”? What does this mean?
- When is the right time for a couple to pick up this book?
- Why do you suggest that couples base their relationship on friendship rather than romantic love?
- If two people are in love, does this make them compatible? What determines compatibility?
- You suggest couples should read a parenting book before they are even married. Why do you recommend this?
- In the book, you discourage co-habitation and sex before marriage. Why is this so important?
- How does sexual involvement complicate a couple’s ability to evaluate their potential as a couple?
- Is there an ideal age for a couple to get married?
- Conflict is a normal and inevitable part of any relationship. Are there right and wrong ways to deal with conflict?
- Many brides take over most of the wedding planning. Why do you suggest that both brides and grooms be equally involved?
- What happens if a couple is not compatible? Should they end the relationship even if they are in love?

Possible Discussion Topics

The Ready for Love Checklist

You may think you are ready for love, but too often we allow our emotions to determine if we will fall in love. Bill and Pam Farrel are available to help couples discover if they are ready for a more serious relationship that is leading to marriage with a quick checklist.

God's Five Principles for Marriage

When God created Adam and Eve, he connected a man and woman in a very intentional horizontal relationship. Bill and Pam Farrel are available for interviews to explain five principles that reflect God's original plan and intent for marriage.

Are You Compatible?

You are in love so you must be compatible, right? Wrong. Differences can either be appreciated or drive people apart. Bill and Pam Farrel explain what really makes a couple compatible for marriage and provide tools for couples to value the different ways God created us.

How to Build a Friendship with Your Future Spouse

Romance begins as an intoxicating journey, yet the couples who are the most satisfied in the long run are good friends. Bill and Pam Farrel are available to explain why friends have the most successful marriages and provide tips for how a couple can build and maintain a friendship that will stand the test of time.

Can You Handle Each Other's Families?

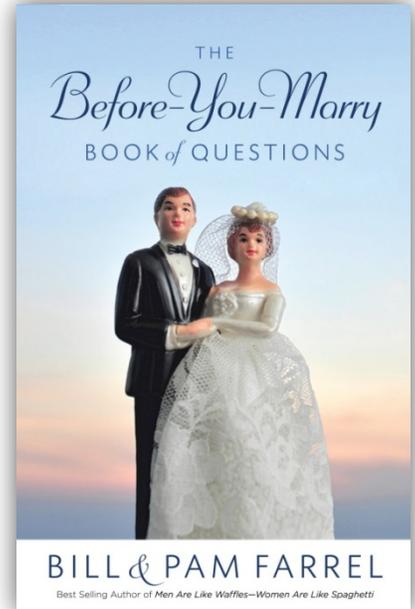
For the most part, your relationship is about you as a couple, but in many ways you really do marry each other's families. Bill and Pam Farrel provide tools to evaluate the traits of the family you grew up with, to determine how you will create your own legacy in your future family.

Are You Financially Compatible?

Ask any married couple and they will tell you that money is one of the issues that raises more tension and insecurity than just about anything else. Bill and Pam Farrel provide tips for determining each individual's financial motivation style and brainstorming ways to meet the needs of both when establishing a future family budget.

When is it Time to Say "Good-Bye"?

As you explore questions related to your relationship, you are going to reach a conclusion. What happens if you conclude that marrying this person is not a good idea after all? Bill and Pam Farrel provide tips to formulate a logical plan to end your relationship.



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