

THE NEWLY ENGAGED CHRISTIAN COUPLES' PLAYBOOK

Organizing Your Life & Home
Before Marriage

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Introduction

Congratulations! Engagement is a beautiful season of life, filled with anticipation, excitement, and preparation for your future together. As you embark on this journey, it's essential to not only plan your wedding but also prepare your **home, finances, and spiritual foundation** for a thriving marriage.

This guide, curated by **Amberly Carter and Jason D. Mills**, is designed to help engaged Christian couples navigate this season with **faith, organization, and intentionality**. With Amberly's expertise in digital business management and organization, and Jason's background in ministry and spiritual leadership, this playbook provides **practical and faith-based strategies** to build a strong foundation for marriage.

Whether you're moving in together for the first time or preparing to blend your lives, this playbook offers insights to help you **align your values, declutter your life, and establish a Christ-centered home**. Let's get started!

Chapter 1: Strengthening Your Spiritual Foundation

Keeping Christ at the Center of Your Engagement

As you embark on this exciting journey toward marriage, it is vital to keep Christ at the center of your relationship. The Bible reminds us in **Ecclesiastes 4:12**, “*Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*” Your relationship is strongest when it is grounded in faith.

Steps to Keep Christ at the Center:

1. **Prioritize Devotional Time Together** – Set aside time each day to read Scripture, reflect on God’s word, and pray together.
2. **Worship as a Couple** – Attend church services, participate in Bible studies, and grow together in faith.
3. **Encourage Spiritual Growth** – Share sermons, books, and devotionals that inspire and challenge your faith.
4. **Hold Each Other Accountable** – Support one another in walking in obedience to God’s will for your relationship.

Personal Reflection:

- How do you see God working in your relationship?
- In what areas can you invite Him in more?
- What are some ways you can honor God in your engagement season?

Recommended Books and Devotionals for Engaged Couples

- *The Meaning of Marriage* by Timothy Keller
- *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman
- *Devotions for a Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas
- *The Love Dare* by Alex Kendrick and Stephen Kendrick

Reading these books together can help you align your expectations and deepen your understanding of God’s design for marriage.

Testimonies from Couples Who Kept Christ First

Throughout the Bible, we see couples who honored God in their relationships and were blessed for it. Real-life Christian couples also serve as a testament to the power of putting God first.

“When we got engaged, we decided that our wedding planning process wouldn’t just be about the details—it would be about preparing our hearts. Through prayer, premarital counseling, and time spent in God’s word, we built a foundation that has kept our marriage strong.” – Sarah & James, married for 10 years

Daily Scripture Reading Plan for Engaged Couples

To strengthen your bond spiritually, commit to reading a daily passage together. Here's a **one-week scripture plan** to get you started:

- **Day 1:** Genesis 2:18-24 – God's Design for Marriage
- **Day 2:** Ephesians 5:22-33 – Love & Respect in Marriage
- **Day 3:** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 – The Characteristics of Love
- **Day 4:** Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trusting God in Your Relationship
- **Day 5:** Philippians 4:6-7 – Praying Through Stress & Uncertainty
- **Day 6:** Colossians 3:12-14 – Practicing Patience & Forgiveness
- **Day 7:** Matthew 19:4-6 – God's Intention for Marriage

Reflect on these verses and discuss their meaning in your relationship.

Questions for Discussion:

- How can we make God the priority in our relationship?
 - What steps can we take to ensure we continue seeking Him first?
 - How do we handle challenges in a way that glorifies God?
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Building a Prayer Routine Together

Prayer is the foundation of a strong and spiritually enriched relationship. When you pray together, you invite God into your union and align your hearts with His will.

Steps to Build a Prayer Routine:

1. **Start with Gratitude** – Begin each prayer by thanking God for your partner and the blessings in your life.
2. **Pray for Each Other** – Lift up your partner's struggles, dreams, and spiritual growth.
3. **Seek God's Guidance** – Ask for wisdom in decision-making and preparation for marriage.
4. **End with Trust** – Surrender your relationship to God and trust His plans.

Sample Prayer for Engaged Couples:

Dear Lord, we thank You for bringing us together in love and faith. As we prepare for marriage, help us to keep You at the center of our journey. Teach us patience, kindness, and wisdom as we grow together. May our love reflect Your love, and may we glorify You in all that we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Power of Fasting and Praying for Your Future Marriage

Fasting is a powerful way to draw closer to God and seek His direction. Consider fasting together—whether it’s a meal, social media, or another distraction—to dedicate time for prayer and reflection on your future marriage.

Choosing a Church Home & Spiritual Mentorship

Finding a **church home** that aligns with your values and helps you grow spiritually is an essential step before marriage. If you don’t already attend a church together, now is the time to start exploring.

How to Find the Right Church:

- Look for a church with **strong biblical teaching** that supports marriage.
- Join a **small group or Bible study** for engaged or married couples.
- Find ways to **serve together** in ministry and outreach programs.

Seeking Marital Mentorship

One of the best ways to strengthen your relationship is to learn from experienced Christian couples.

- **Identify a Godly Couple** – Look for a couple who exemplifies the kind of marriage you desire.
- **Meet Regularly** – Schedule time for coffee, Bible study, or mentorship sessions.
- **Ask for Wisdom** – Be open to their advice on marriage, communication, and conflict resolution.

Scriptures on Accountability & Growing Spiritually as Partners:

- **Proverbs 27:17** – “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”
- **Hebrews 10:24-25** – Encouraging one another in faith.
- **James 1:5** – Seeking wisdom from God.

By keeping Christ at the center, building a prayer routine, and surrounding yourselves with spiritual mentors, you will lay the foundation for a Christ-centered marriage that lasts a lifetime.

This concludes **Chapter 1** of *The Newly Engaged Christian Couples' Playbook*. Continue to **Chapter 2** for practical tips on organizing your life before marriage!

Chapter 2: Organizing Your Life Before Marriage

Decluttering Your Past for a Fresh Start

As you prepare to merge your lives, it's essential to start with a **clean slate**—both physically and emotionally. Decluttering before marriage allows you to create space for new memories, habits, and shared experiences. A clutter-free home fosters peace and productivity, while holding onto unnecessary items can create unnecessary stress. This process is about **intentionally choosing what adds value** to your marriage and eliminating distractions that may hinder growth.

Amberly and Jason went through this exact process when preparing for their new life together. They realized that blending their lives also meant blending their possessions, and that meant making intentional choices about what stayed and what went. They documented their journey on **ChateauMills.com**, sharing insights and tips for engaged couples facing similar transitions.

Steps to Decluttering as a Couple

1. **Sort and Simplify** – Go through your personal belongings and identify what truly adds value to your new life together. Ask yourselves: Does this item serve a purpose? Does it bring joy?
2. **Discuss Sentimental Items** – Some items may hold emotional significance. Talk about them and decide what stays and what can be stored or repurposed in a meaningful way.
3. **Merge Your Essentials** – Create a home that reflects both of you by combining the best of what you both bring. A mix of both partners' styles will create a home that feels equally shared.
4. **Donate or Sell Unnecessary Items** – Bless others by giving away things you no longer need, or use resale apps to fund new purchases together. Minimalism allows room for the things that truly matter.
5. **Digitally Declutter** – Organize digital files, emails, and subscriptions to start fresh in your married life. A clutter-free digital space leads to better focus and efficiency in daily life.

Amberly personally found that digitizing keepsakes, such as scanning old photos and letters, allowed her to hold onto memories without adding clutter. This was a great compromise that she and Jason implemented in their home.

Reflection Questions:

- What items hold personal significance that you want to keep?
 - How can we ensure our home represents both of us?
 - What are some new traditions we can establish together?
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Managing Time & Responsibilities Together

Balancing wedding planning, work, family, and personal time can be overwhelming. Establishing a **shared calendar and responsibility system** will help create harmony and reduce potential conflicts. Learning how to manage time together before marriage sets the stage for a healthy rhythm of life post-wedding.

Amberly and Jason quickly realized that they needed a system to juggle wedding planning, work commitments, and ministry obligations. They implemented a **Sunday Planning Meeting**, where they review their calendar for the upcoming week and set priorities. They found that this routine improved communication and helped them avoid scheduling conflicts.

Steps to Effective Time Management:

1. **Create a Joint Calendar** – Whether digital or on paper, track appointments, deadlines, and special occasions together to ensure you stay aligned.
2. **Establish Routines** – Morning and evening routines help set a rhythm for your home. A predictable routine fosters peace and stability in marriage.
3. **Delegate Responsibilities** – Divide household tasks in a way that plays to each other's strengths. Who enjoys cooking? Who prefers handling finances? Defining these early on prevents misunderstandings.
4. **Set Boundaries with External Commitments** – Protect time for each other by limiting overcommitments. Learn to say no to obligations that detract from your priorities as a couple.
5. **Plan Weekly Check-ins** – Have a designated time each week to review your schedule, priorities, and any needed adjustments. A simple 15-minute check-in can prevent miscommunication and keep you both on the same page.

Reflection Questions:

- How do we currently manage time separately?
- What adjustments do we need to make to balance our schedules?
- How can we set aside intentional time for one another?

Financial Planning as a Couple

Money is one of the top areas where couples experience tension. Being **proactive and transparent** about finances before marriage sets the foundation for financial unity. Open discussions about money prevent financial strain later on and help ensure that both partners feel financially secure and empowered.

Amberly and Jason took a deep dive into their finances before getting engaged. They shared their financial goals, past money mistakes, and dreams for the future. They found that aligning

their financial vision helped them feel like a team rather than two individuals navigating money separately.

Steps to Financial Unity:

1. **Discuss Money Values & Goals** – Talk about spending habits, savings, and long-term financial goals. Understanding each other's money mindset will help prevent conflicts.
2. **Decide on Banking Systems** – Will you combine finances, keep separate accounts, or use a hybrid approach? Each Couples' approach is unique, so find what works best for both of you.
3. **Create a Budget Together** – Use budgeting tools to track income, expenses, and savings goals. A shared budget fosters transparency and accountability.
4. **Eliminate Debt** – Work on paying down debts before marriage to start fresh. Carrying significant debt into marriage can add stress, so develop a plan to tackle it together.
5. **Plan for Future Expenses** – Discuss housing, insurance, emergency funds, and investments. Making financial decisions as a team ensures that both partners feel valued and heard.

Financial Planning Worksheet:

- Income & Expenses Tracking Table
- Short-Term and Long-Term Financial Goals
- Monthly Budget Template
- Debt Payoff Strategy Plan

Reflection Questions:

- How do we view money differently, and how can we align?
- What financial habits can we improve together?
- What steps should we take to ensure financial security in our marriage?

This concludes **Chapter 2** of *The Newly Engaged Christian Couples' Playbook*. In **Chapter 3**, we'll discuss practical tips on preparing your home for marriage, including merging households, decorating with intention, and creating a Christ-centered space. Visit **ChateauMills.com** for additional resources and inspiration on organizing your life before marriage.

Chapter 3: Preparing Your Home for Marriage

Merging Households with Intention

One of the most exciting yet challenging aspects of engagement is **creating a home together**. Whether you are moving into a new space or combining existing homes, the process requires intentional planning, communication, and compromise. **Amberly and Jason** went through this process while preparing for their life together and shared their insights on **ChateauMills.com** to help other couples do the same.

Steps to Merging Households

1. **Discuss Your Ideal Home Environment** – What type of atmosphere do you both envision? Cozy, minimalist, faith-centered?
2. **Inventory What You Own** – Make a list of duplicate items and decide what to keep or replace.
3. **Prioritize Essentials** – Determine which furniture, appliances, and decor best fit your shared style and space.
4. **Compromise on Design Choices** – Blend both of your preferences to create a home that represents you both.
5. **Plan for Shared Expenses** – Set a budget for new purchases, decor updates, or renovations.

Amberly and Jason discovered that **communication and flexibility** were key during this process. They created a **moving checklist** and discussed each decision carefully to ensure their home felt like a **shared space**, rather than one person's domain.

Reflection Questions:

- What items are most important to each of us?
 - How can we blend our styles and preferences?
 - What steps can we take to make our home a place of peace and faith?
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Decorating with Purpose & Faith

A home is more than just a place to live—it should be a **reflection of your values, love, and faith**. By incorporating Christian elements into your home, you can create an environment that fosters **spiritual growth, peace, and connection**.

Ways to Infuse Faith into Your Home

1. **Create a Prayer Corner** – A small space dedicated to devotionals, Bible study, and reflection.

2. **Incorporate Scripture-Based Decor** – Hang framed Bible verses or faith-based artwork in key spaces.
3. **Play Worship Music Regularly** – Fill your home with uplifting, Christ-centered music.
4. **Set the Atmosphere with Candles & Essential Oils** – Use soothing scents to make your home a place of peace and relaxation.
5. **Designate Areas for Quality Time** – Have intentional spaces for meals, deep conversations, and spiritual growth.

Jason and Amberly found that decorating with faith in mind helped **keep Christ at the center** of their marriage. They curated Christian home decor items from trusted brands and shared their **favorite finds on ChateauMills.com**.

Reflection Questions:

- What does a faith-centered home look like to us?
 - How can we design spaces that encourage connection and worship?
 - What small changes can we make to ensure our home reflects our values?
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Establishing Home Routines as a Couple

Creating **household routines** is essential for maintaining peace and order. Before marriage, it's important to discuss **expectations around chores, responsibilities, and daily rhythms**.

Key Home Routines to Establish

1. **Morning & Evening Devotion Time** – Begin and end the day with prayer and Scripture reading.
2. **Household Cleaning Schedule** – Divide chores fairly and create a rotation system.
3. **Weekly Planning & Check-Ins** – Set aside time each week to review schedules, budgets, and home projects.
4. **Date Nights at Home** – Designate a night for intentional connection, whether it's a movie night, cooking together, or Bible study.
5. **Hospitality & Hosting Plans** – Discuss how you'd like to welcome guests and cultivate a spirit of hospitality.

Amberly and Jason made it a priority to **align their daily routines** to ensure their home remained a space of love, peace, and productivity. They encourage couples to adapt these principles in a way that fits their unique lifestyle.

Reflection Questions:

- What household responsibilities are most important to us?
- How can we maintain a sense of balance in our home?
- What are some daily or weekly habits we want to prioritize?

Conclusion

Preparing your home for marriage is about more than **decor and furniture**—it's about **creating an environment where love, faith, and unity flourish**. By **merging households with intention, decorating with purpose, and establishing daily routines**, you set the foundation for a **strong and God-honoring marriage**.

Amberly and Jason continue to share their journey and practical insights on **ChateauMills.com**, offering guidance and encouragement for engaged and newlywed couples alike. Visit their site for **home organization tips, faith-based decor inspiration, and relationship-building resources**.

This concludes **Chapter 3** of *The Newly Engaged Christian Couples' Playbook*. In **Chapter 4**, we'll discuss communication and conflict resolution strategies to build a marriage that thrives. Stay tuned for more insights from **Amberly and Jason**, and don't forget to visit **ChateauMills.com** for additional resources!

Chapter 4: Communication & Conflict Resolution

Building a Marriage Rooted in Communication

Communication is the foundation of a **healthy, Christ-centered marriage**. As Amberly and Jason learned through their engagement, **open, honest, and loving communication** is essential for resolving conflicts, setting expectations, and building intimacy. They shared their experiences and lessons on **ChateauMills.com**, offering couples guidance on fostering a marriage built on trust and understanding.

Principles of Healthy Communication

1. **Listen with Love** – James 1:19 reminds us to be “quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.”
2. **Speak with Kindness** – Use uplifting and encouraging words when addressing each other.
3. **Be Honest and Transparent** – Keep no secrets and foster an environment of openness.
4. **Pray Before Speaking** – Seek God’s wisdom before discussing difficult topics.
5. **Practice Active Listening** – Repeat back what your partner says to ensure clarity and understanding.
6. **Communicate Expectations Clearly** – Unmet expectations often lead to frustration. Talk about needs and desires openly.
7. **Schedule Regular Communication Check-ins** – Set aside time each week to discuss what’s working well and where improvement is needed.

Amberly and Jason found that setting aside **daily check-ins and weekly discussions** helped them stay connected and work through any misunderstandings before they became conflicts.

Reflection Questions:

- How can we improve our communication style?
- What are some ways we can actively listen to each other?
- How can we handle difficult conversations in a Christ-like manner?
- What expectations do we have that we haven’t communicated yet?

Navigating Conflict with Grace

Every marriage will encounter disagreements, but **how** you handle them will determine the health of your relationship. Conflict is not about winning or losing but about **understanding, growth, and unity**.

Steps to Resolving Conflict Biblically

1. **Address the Issue Early** – Ephesians 4:26 says, “Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.”
2. **Pray Together Before Discussing** – Inviting God into the conversation brings wisdom and peace.
3. **Use ‘I’ Statements** – Express feelings without blaming (“I feel hurt when...” instead of “You always...”).
4. **Take a Timeout if Needed** – Step away briefly to calm down and pray before continuing the discussion.
5. **Seek Wise Counsel When Necessary** – Find a trusted Christian couple or pastor for guidance.
6. **Forgive and Move Forward** – Avoid holding grudges; instead, focus on healing and growing together.
7. **Create a Conflict Resolution Plan** – Set guidelines for handling disagreements, such as taking turns speaking and pausing before responding.

Amberly and Jason share how they overcame early communication struggles by implementing **scripture-based conflict resolution strategies** and setting expectations for how they handle disagreements. They encourage couples to find what works best for them while keeping **faith and love at the core**.

Reflection Questions:

- What conflict resolution strategies work best for us?
- How can we remind each other to resolve conflicts biblically?
- Who can we seek as mentors for guidance when conflicts arise?
- How can we turn conflicts into opportunities for growth in our relationship?

Setting Boundaries in Your Marriage

A healthy marriage requires **boundaries**—not just with each other but also with **family, friends, work, and social obligations**. Amberly and Jason had to navigate **setting expectations with loved ones** as they prepared for marriage, and they discuss their journey on ChateauMills.com.

Key Boundaries to Set Before Marriage

1. **Family Involvement** – How involved will parents and extended family be in your marriage decisions?
2. **Work-Life Balance** – What boundaries will you set for work commitments to prioritize time together?
3. **Friendships** – How will you maintain healthy friendships while prioritizing your spouse?
4. **Technology & Social Media** – What guidelines will you follow regarding phone usage and online privacy?

5. **Financial Transparency** – How will you openly discuss finances and spending habits?
6. **Spiritual Growth** – How will you support each other's faith journey and maintain spiritual accountability?
7. **Alone Time vs. Together Time** – Establish a balance between personal space and quality couple time.

Creating **mutual boundaries** ensures that both partners feel valued, respected, and understood. Amberly and Jason recommend discussing **potential challenges early** and coming to agreements before they become problems.

Reflection Questions:

- What boundaries do we need to set for a healthy marriage?
 - How can we support each other in maintaining these boundaries?
 - Are there any areas where we need to communicate more clearly?
 - How can we ensure we honor and protect our relationship from external pressures?
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Conclusion

Marriage is a journey of **communication, love, and understanding**, and learning how to communicate effectively before marriage sets a strong foundation. By **practicing active listening, resolving conflicts biblically, and setting healthy boundaries**, you build a relationship rooted in **faith, trust, and mutual respect**.

Amberly and Jason continue to share their experiences on **ChateauMills.com**, offering **practical advice and faith-based resources** for engaged and newlywed couples. Visit their site for **additional tools, discussion guides, and relationship-building exercises**.

This concludes **Chapter 4** of *The Newly Engaged Christian Couples' Playbook*. In **Chapter 5**, we will explore how to build a vision for your future together, set spiritual and financial goals, and prepare for the next season of life. Stay tuned for more insights from **Amberly and Jason**, and don't forget to visit **ChateauMills.com** for additional resources!

Chapter 5: Building a Vision for Your Future Together

Creating a Marriage Vision Statement

Just as businesses and organizations create **vision statements** to guide their purpose and direction, engaged couples can benefit from doing the same. A **marriage vision statement** outlines the goals, values, and dreams you have for your life together. Amberly and Jason created theirs before getting married and found that it helped them stay aligned and intentional about their marriage. They shared their process and tips on **ChateauMills.com** to help other couples do the same.

Steps to Creating a Marriage Vision Statement

1. **Pray Together** – Seek God’s guidance on the purpose of your marriage.
2. **Discuss Your Core Values** – What principles will define your marriage (faith, service, love, generosity, etc.)?
3. **Envision Your Future** – What do you want your marriage to look like in 5, 10, or 20 years?
4. **Write a Statement That Reflects Your Vision** – Keep it concise but meaningful.
5. **Review and Reaffirm It Regularly** – Check in annually to see how you’re living out your vision.

Sample Marriage Vision Statement:

“Our marriage is rooted in faith, love, and service. We commit to prioritizing God, each other, and our family, always seeking to grow together spiritually, emotionally, and relationally. Our home will be a place of peace, hospitality, and joy, where we honor God through our actions and love.”

Reflection Questions:

- What do we want our marriage to stand for?
- How can we ensure our relationship glorifies God?
- What legacy do we want to leave as a couple?

Setting Spiritual & Personal Goals

Beyond your vision statement, setting **spiritual and personal goals** as a couple helps you grow together intentionally. These goals can include your faith, finances, career, family, and ministry aspirations.

Spiritual Goals to Consider:

1. **Daily Devotionals Together** – Choose a Bible study or devotional to read together.
2. **Join or Lead a Small Group** – Fellowship with other couples to strengthen your faith.
3. **Serve in Ministry Together** – Find ways to serve in your church or community.
4. **Tithe and Give Generously** – Decide how to steward your finances in a God-honoring way.
5. **Pray Over Your Future Family** – If you plan to have children, pray over their lives and purpose.

Amberly and Jason made it a priority to incorporate **faith-based goal setting** into their relationship. They found that aligning their **spiritual and personal aspirations** early on helped them navigate decisions with clarity and purpose.

Reflection Questions:

- What spiritual disciplines can we commit to together?
 - How can we encourage each other in our faith journeys?
 - What areas of growth do we want to focus on in the first year of marriage?
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Financial & Career Planning as a Team

Finances and career decisions are significant aspects of marriage. Preparing for them before marriage helps eliminate stress and sets you up for success. Amberly and Jason had **honest money conversations** before marriage, discussing their individual finances, debt, savings goals, and career aspirations. They shared their budgeting system and tips for engaged couples on ChateauMills.com.

Steps to Financial Planning Together

1. **Share Your Financial Backgrounds** – Discuss your income, debt, credit scores, and spending habits.
2. **Create a Budget for Your First Year of Marriage** – Include rent/mortgage, savings, tithing, and discretionary spending.
3. **Decide on Joint or Separate Accounts** – Find a system that works best for both of you.
4. **Set Long-Term Financial Goals** – Saving for a home, investing, retirement planning, etc.
5. **Plan for Career Growth Together** – Support each other's professional ambitions while maintaining work-life balance.

Reflection Questions:

- What financial goals do we want to achieve together?
- How can we align our career ambitions with our marriage priorities?
- What steps can we take to be financially wise and generous stewards?

Preparing for Family Life & Parenthood

Even if you're not planning to have children right away, it's important to discuss expectations about family planning and parenting styles before marriage. Amberly and Jason took time to pray over their future family, seeking God's wisdom about raising children in a faith-centered home.

Topics to Discuss:

1. **Timing of Having Children** – What are your hopes and expectations?
2. **Parenting Styles** – How were you raised, and how do you want to raise your children?
3. **Faith in Parenting** – How will you instill biblical values in your family?
4. **Education Choices** – Homeschooling, private, or public schooling preferences.
5. **Work-Life Balance with Kids** – What roles will each spouse play in caregiving?

Even if your plans change, **having these conversations early ensures you're on the same page** and prepares you for parenthood when the time comes.

Reflection Questions:

- What kind of family culture do we want to create?
- How do we want to incorporate faith into parenting?
- How can we prepare emotionally and spiritually for parenthood?

Marriage as a Ministry

One of the most profound purposes of marriage is that it is not just about companionship and love—it is also **a ministry**. As a couple, your union is a **reflection of Christ's love for the Church** (Ephesians 5:25-27). Your marriage should not only serve one another but also glorify God and impact those around you.

Seeing Your Marriage as a Calling

Amberly and Jason believe that **every Christian marriage has a mission**—to serve, inspire, and uplift others while walking in obedience to God's plan. They have shared their insights on **ChateauMills.com**, encouraging couples to consider how their relationship can be used to minister to others.

Ways your marriage can serve as a ministry:

1. **Hospitality & Fellowship** – Open your home for Bible studies, small groups, or community gatherings.
2. **Mentorship for Young Couples** – Guide and support newlyweds or engaged couples.

3. **Serving in the Church Together** – Find a ministry where you both can contribute (children’s ministry, worship team, outreach, etc.).
4. **Encouraging Others Through Testimony** – Share your experiences to help those facing similar challenges.
5. **Supporting Missions & Outreach** – Sponsor missionaries or get involved in community service projects as a couple.
6. **Praying for and with Others** – Be intentional about covering friends and family in prayer.

Amberly and Jason have made it a priority to **live out their faith as a couple** by mentoring others and creating resources to help engaged and newlywed couples navigate their journey in faith.

Reflection Questions:

- How can our marriage serve as a light to others?
- In what ways can we use our talents and gifts to glorify God?
- How can we intentionally invite God into our daily lives and decisions?
- What ministries can we get involved in as a couple?

When couples see their marriage as a **mission field**, their union grows stronger, and their faith deepens. Marriage is about **more than just love**—it’s about demonstrating **God’s love to the world**.

Conclusion

Creating a shared vision for your marriage is an **act of faith, intentionality, and love**. By setting spiritual, financial, and family goals, and embracing **marriage as a ministry**, you lay the groundwork for a **thriving partnership that honors God**. Amberly and Jason continue to share their journey on **ChateauMills.com**, offering **resources, coaching, and insights** for engaged and newlywed couples.

This concludes **Chapter 5** of *The Newly Engaged Christian Couples' Playbook*. Thank you for taking this journey with us! We encourage you to revisit this book throughout your engagement and early marriage, using it as a tool for **growth, connection, and faith-building**. Stay connected with Amberly and Jason by visiting **ChateauMills.com** for more content, courses, and encouragement tailored for Christian couples!

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