

Peer Marriage Assessment

Is the marriage you have a true Peer Marriage or a Near Peer Marriage? The following assessment can help you determine the answer to this question.

1. Yes No Do you both hold equal leadership positions in the marriage?
2. Yes No Do you both get equal talk time in sharing, conflicts, and social outings?
3. Yes No Are you both considered equal contributors even if one partner is the financial provider and one the household or childcare provider?
4. Yes No Do you both have equal decision power for purchases, and saving or spending the money?
5. Yes No Do you both accept the influence of the other in the areas in which each is skilled, i.e., relationships, finances, parenting?
6. Yes No Are you both able to give leadership influence and partner in all areas regardless of gender stereotypes and expectations?
7. Yes No Do you feel the freedom to lead, and be respected and followed by your partner?
8. Yes No Are you careful about not using gender division stereotypes, i.e., women can't drive well, men who cry are weak?
9. Yes No Do you celebrate both female and male leaders, authors, artists?
10. Yes No Are you both supportive of each furthering your education or careers?
11. Yes No Are your sons, daughters, nieces, and nephews both promoted to be qualified leaders according to ability and not gender?
12. Yes No Do each of you follow female/male leadership in the home and outside of the home respectfully, without eyerolling, mocking, or undermining humor that marginalizes or invalidates the wife/mom in the home?
13. Yes No Are you respectful and supportive of one another according to your gifts and abilities even if those abilities are counter to gender stereotypes?
14. Yes No Is the wife pursued and validated for what she can offer in her leadership ability?
15. Yes No Are there equal advancement opportunities for both of you to excel in whatever you are interested in?
16. Yes No Does your marriage claim values of equity and reflect this in daily living?
17. Yes No Are both followed and promoted as spiritual leaders in the home?
18. Yes No In social settings, are women part of gender-inclusive conversations where they can participate because they have a shared knowledge of the topic (i.e., sports stats or sports analogies)?
19. Yes No In social settings, are men part of gender-inclusive conversations where they can participate because they have a shared knowledge of the topic (i.e., hair and beauty tips)?
20. Yes No Do you both show respect with eye contact when speaking and offer affirmation for expressed opinions and thoughts?
21. Yes No Do you introduce your partner in social settings?

22. Yes No Do you share household and parenting responsibilities?
23. Yes No Do you have an equal division of labor that you are both comfortable with?
24. Yes No When the husband/wife or other men/women use sarcasm, stereotypes, or objectifying humor to marginalize and invalidate male/female leaders, are they corrected?
25. Yes No Does each of you express your boundaries and respect each other's boundaries?
26. Yes No Do you each express feelings and needs to your partner?
27. Yes No Do each of you express a need for the other to partner with him/her?
28. Yes No Are there appropriate relationships with the opposite gender outside of marriage that both of you are comfortable with?
29. Yes No Is there a security in the marriage that each will behave appropriately with the opposite gender?
30. Yes No If there has been infidelity or inappropriateness in the marriage, has the offender made appropriate amends?
31. Yes No Is there a concern expressed by each of you to make it right if one or both are feeling disrespected, marginalized, unheard, or mistreated in the marriage?
32. Yes No When each of you asks to be comforted, protected, or connected with, does each receive this consistently?
33. Yes No Do you both laugh, applaud, and celebrate one another when it is deserved?
34. Yes No Do you both comfort, and express empathy and care, when there has been a loss or a crisis?
35. Yes No Do you each utilize marriage books, resources, and counseling that reflect egalitarian values?
36. Yes No Does the marriage culture provide freedom and support for each of you to be who you need to be?
37. Yes No Do both of you feel like God reflects your femininity as a woman and your masculinity as a man?
38. Yes No Are both men and women honored in your family history through pictures, stories, and visits?
39. Yes No Do you follow through with what you promise privately and act as promised publicly, (i.e., promise to refrain from hurtful teasing and act accordingly in public)?
40. Yes No Do both of you apologize for unfair treatment and make amends by creating equity, justice, and psychological safety for each of you?
41. Yes No If there are opportunities for the husband/wife to mentor the opposite gender outside of the marriage, is it done appropriately or to the comfort of each of you?
42. Yes No Do you both feel free to express your opinions, advocate for equitable treatment, and receive the care and help from the other to get your needs met?
43. Yes No Are wives empowered to advocate for other women leaders and girls without being negatively labeled or blocked by the husband?
44. Yes No Are you both held personally accountable for immoral or disrespectful behavior that hurts the marriage?
45. Yes No Are there ongoing marriage classes or resources implemented that might

promote gender parity in the marriage (i.e., defining emotional manipulation, unfair fighting)?

46. Yes No Is there an expressed value in words and actions by both of you for equity in the marriage?
47. Yes No Are there productive discussions on how to be better together and more loving partners?
48. Yes No Are each of you credited publicly and privately for your ideas, solutions, and contributions?
49. Yes No Are you both respectful of each other's voice by not interrupting during conflicts, discussions, socializing, or playful banter?
50. Yes No When working outside of the home is gender-balanced leadership desired?
51. Yes No When there is an issue for one, do both of you approach one another to receive support and understanding?
52. Yes No In family activities, are women acknowledged in social interactions the same as men and vice versa?
53. Yes No Do you both express gratitude and appreciation for each other's perspectives and differences?
54. Yes No When women speak, are they heard, helped, and honored for what they feel and need without ridicule for being needy?
55. Yes No When men speak, are they heard, helped, and honored for what they feel and need without ridicule for being weak?
56. Yes No Do you both take turns partnering and caring for the children?
57. Yes No If it is a dual income home, are both careers considered equally valuable thus making childcare a shared responsibility in order for both partners to further their careers?
58. Yes No Do you both create flexibility in your schedules as much as possible to allow the other to pursue their life, education, or career goals?
59. Yes No Is there equal free time and personal recreation time for each of you?
60. Yes No Do you both have equal access to finances and input on financial goals?
61. Yes No Are roles assigned by giftedness instead of gender within the marriage and home?
62. Yes No Is there a strong friendship in the marriage?
63. Yes No Do you both believe you have a mutually satisfying sex life?
64. Yes No Are both of you free to pursue sexual connection with your partner?
65. Yes No Do you feel emotionally connected to your partner?
66. Yes No Do you feel known by your partner?
67. Yes No Do you feel like you matter and are valued by your partner?
68. Yes No Are you both filling out this assessment?

Scoring:

If you answered 50-68 questions with "no" then this is a Non-Peer Marriage.

If you answered 20-49 of the questions with "no" then this is considered a Near Peer Marriage.

If you answered 19 or fewer of the questions with "no" then this is a Peer Marriage.