

Spiritual Inventory
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley

Reflections for the Wife of a Man Under Care, Candidacy or Licensure

Introduction:

This spiritual inventory has been designed to enable candidates, licentiates and men seeking licensure and ordination in the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to take stock of the progress of grace in the heart. Character formation requires the continued deepening of the sanctifying graces of the Holy Spirit. Some questions will be considered “very personal, even intimate,” but they are examples of issues that every servant of Christ must deal with faithfully.

Your signature at the space provided at the end of this paragraph indicates that you understand that though your responses are personal, they will ordinarily be read only by Credentials Committee members. You are thereby granting the committee permission to copy, disseminate and read these reflections (within the committee) in order to more faithfully assist you in spiritual accountability and growth in grace. Your responses on this inventory will become a portion of your file. Married men will be asked to have their wives give some reflection on a separate form, under the same conditions as above.

The premise of this inventory is as follows: The man who is prepared to examine his own heart with integrity and ruthless honesty is then well prepared to look into the heart of God and the heart of the people whom he has been given to shepherd. Further, of the qualifications listed for office in the Pauline passages of Timothy and Titus, the majority of qualifications listed focus directly on the character of the man. It behooves us, then, to take careful stock of character issues.

I have read and agree to the above,

Signed

(Wife)

Questions:

1. In what ways does your husband’s relationship with you positively mirror Christ’s relationship to His church?

2. In what ways should your husband’s relationship with you more faithfully reflect Christ’s relationship to His church?

3. How are you cultivating affection for your husband in your marriage?

4. Are there chronic areas of repeated failure in your marriage? Have you discerned any patterns to these areas of struggle and weakness?

5. Respond to the following, please: "I know my husband loves me because . . ."

6. If applicable, respond to the following, please: "I know my husband loves our children because . . ."

7. When do you find your husband becoming easily angered?

8. How does he resolve his anger?

9. How do you resolve conflict between the two of you?

10. Which fruit of the Spirit in particular is displayed in your husband's life?

11. As my husband and I approach the call of God in ministry, we together believe that the following three areas are our highest priorities for growth and sanctification, recognizing that they are areas of weakness which we acknowledge we must continually address with principled attention:

12. I have reflected upon what has been written both by my husband and me and affirm that this has been written with sincerity and integrity.

13. With respect to any of the questions on my husband's inventory, I would add the following reflections:

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