Rate yourself: 1 = poor/ 5 = exceptional on each question. Circle appropriate number. The total score is not important, but the comparative scores between husband and wife and the discussions that ensure will be.

It is vitally important that you answer this questionnaire honestly. We have learned that if the marital relationship is not satisfying, pastors do not survive the ministry. We desire to help you develop a program to strengthen your marriage if necessary. It is important to us to protect and encourage vital marriage relationships within the members of Evangel Presbytery.

WIFE SELF-RATING SCALE

1. I include my husband in visioning our future (tell him of my dreams).

1 2 3 4 5

1. I am willing to say, “I was wrong, would you please forgive me.”

1 2 3 4 5

1. I accept and respond to the spiritual responsibility that my husband exercises.

1 2 3 4 5

4. I evaluate the functional requirements of our family life with my husband and gladly

shoulder my fair share.

1 2 3 4 5

5. I seek to provide input to my husband in all major money decisions.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I am dependable. He can count on me to keep commitments.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I frequently compliment my husband regarding the various dimensions of his life.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I adequately provide for our family’s needs both emotionally and functionally.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I adequately guard time and energy to talk with my husband and children.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I regularly pray for and with my husband (this does not mean set times necessarily).

1 2 3 4 5

1. I have responded to his leadership in developing family traditions.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I honor my husband – I don’t speak down to him, call him derogatory names, or yell at him.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I plan fun and romantic times for us and I respond with excitement when he does so.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I keep my husband well informed of my schedule.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I work hard to keep us out of debt.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I commend my husband in public.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I encourage my husband to pursue a reasonable schedule of personal interests, hobbies, etc.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I remember his birthday and other important dates with a card or a special activity.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I do not indulge myself for extensive periods with TV.

1 2 3 4 5

1. My husband would say that my sports activities and/or personal interest are with

acceptable tolerances.

1 2 3 4 5

HUSBAND RATING SCALE

**By Wife**

Rate your husband, please on a spread of 1=poor to 5=great. Circle the appropriate number. Mark statement N/A if it does not apply to your situation.

1. He includes me in visioning our future.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He is willing to say, “I was wrong, would you please forgive me.”

1 2 3 4 5

1. He accepts and exercises spiritual responsibility for children and me (if appropriate).

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

4. He evaluates the functional requirements of our family life with me and gladly

shoulders his fair share.

1 2 3 4 5

5. He seeks my input in all major money decisions.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He is dependable. I can count on him to keep commitments.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He frequently compliments me regarding the various dimensions of my life.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He adequately provides for our family’s basic financial requirements.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He adequately guards time and energy to talk with me and with the children.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I am confident that he regularly prays for me.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He has taken the lead in developing family traditions.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He honors me– (He does not speak down to me, call me derogatory names or yell at me).

1 2 3 4 5

1. He plans fun and romantic times for us.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He keeps me well informed of his schedule.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He works hard to keep us out of debt.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He commends me in public.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He encourages me to pursue a reasonable schedule of personal interests, hobbies, etc.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He remembers my birthday and other important dates with a card or a special activity.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He does not indulge himself for extensive periods of TV sports on any given day.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I would say that his sports activities and/or personal interests are within

acceptable tolerances.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He regularly carries out spiritual disciplines.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He discusses child discipline with me and is willing to incorporate my input.

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

1. He treats me with dignity in our intimate relationship.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He works at keeping his mind and heart pure.

1 2 3 4 5

1. He is patient with the children.

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

1. He has a good relationship with my parents.

1 2 3 4 N/A

1. He gets along well with his working peers.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I am fed when sitting under his teaching.

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

1. I would say that others would say that he is a man of good reputation.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I look forward to his coming home at the end of the day.

1 2 3 4 5

**Taking the Pulse of My Marriage**

***DIRECTIONS: Circle the number that best represents your response.***

***One is never***

***Two is seldom***

***Three is occasional***

***Four is frequent***

***Five is characteristic.***

***Husband and wife are each to complete this form without discussion or comparison of answers.***

1. Little arguments escalate into ugly fights with accusations, criticisms, name-calling, or bringing up past hurts.

1 2 3 4 5

1. My partner criticizes or belittles my opinions, feelings, or desires.

1 2 3 4 5

1. My partner seems to view my words or actions more negatively than I intend.

1 2 3**3** 4 5

1. When we have a problem to solve, it is like we are on opposite teams.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I hold back from telling my partner what I really think and feel.

1 2 3**3** 4 5

1. I think seriously about what it would be like to date or marry someone else.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I feel lonely in this relationship.

1 2 3 4 5

1. When we argue, one of us withdraws, that is, does not want to talk about it anymore or leaves the scene without the promise to finish the discussion later.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I long for my partner to pray regularly with me since we seldom pray together.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I often feel my partner finds more satisfaction and pleasure in co-workers, friends or activities even ministry than in me.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I often feel neglected in this relationship.

1 2 3 4 5

1. My partner does not seem to need me sexually.

1 2 3 4 5

1. Affection by touch or words has faded in our relationship.

1 2 3 4 5

1. Sometimes it seems that there is more negative than positive in our relationship.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I feel like my partner is so connected to the past (family relationships, painful events or past sins) that he/she cannot connect with me.

1 2 3 4 5

Personal and Pastoral Theology Questions

DIRECTIONS: Use a separate sheet of paper for each of three categories as needed to provide a complete answer (finance life, spiritual life, and sexual life).

Financial life:

1. Do you tithe?
2. Is there joy in your giving?
3. Does your personal budget control spending?
4. Have you ever had a large debt since you have been married? (over $2000.00)
5. Did you bring debt into your marriage? Was your spouse aware of it?
6. Do you think that God is pleased with your personal spending?
7. Do you think that your financial situation is glorifying to God?

Spiritual Life:

1. Do you see your quiet time as a “chore”?
2. Do you look forward to having a quiet time?
3. Do you consider a quiet time as something to check off your daily list?
4. Do you find your quiet time a little too quiet? (you go to sleep)
5. Do you have a structured quiet time? (5 minutes for prayer, 10 minutes scripture reading, etc.) Or, how do you conduct your relationship with the Lord?
6. Do you experience your time with God as a relationship? Explain:

Sexual Life:

1. Do you have pornographic scene that you can not get out of your head?
2. Do you have movie channels on your TV? If so, how do you monitor them?
3. Do you feel safe browsing on a computer by yourself?
4. Do you have a screening program like Safe Eyes on your computer?
5. Do you feel cheated because your sex life is not like the ones in the movies?
6. How do you view sex? Check the following, left side for you and right side for the way you believe your wife would respond:
   1. \_\_\_\_Strictly for procreation a. \_\_\_\_Strictly for procreation
   2. \_\_\_\_Recreational b. \_\_\_\_Recreational
   3. \_\_\_\_Love making c. \_\_\_\_Love making
   4. \_\_\_\_A God-given appetite d. \_\_\_\_A God-given appetite
7. Have there been times when either you or your wife has used sex as a bartering tool to get something you wanted?
8. Are you satisfied with the frequency of your relationship? Is your wife?

DIRECTIONS: Here are two pastoral theology situations that could impact your ministry life. Only you need to respond to Scenario I. Please also ask your wife to respond to Scenario II.

**Scenario I**

You are the pastor

You are the pastor of a small town Presbyterian Church. You have about 70 people on the church role but only about 35 to 40 members show up for Sunday Worship. You cannot get any interest in having a Sunday Evening service. You are the only teaching elder and you have 3 ruling elders that form your session. All of the elders are 65 years old or older.

After your first Sunday service you are asked by one of the elders to see him alone in your office. He says he will get right to the point. He explains that your sermon was very good, but too long. He says that the clock on the back wall of the church is there for a reason. He tells you that the congregation is use to starting the service at 11:00AM and being out the door by 11:50AM. “You see, he continues, almost everyone in town eats Sunday lunch at Bills Steakhouse. The doors open at 12:00 Noon. The lines are long and if you are not there by 12:00 you will have at least a 45 minute wait. If you get there by 12:10 after the Baptist Church lets out and you may as well go home and have a sandwich.” (He is dead serious)

**What do you do? How would you react?**

**Scenario II**

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You are the pastor of a small town Presbyterian Church. You have about 70 people on the church role but only about 35 to 40 members show up for Sunday Worship, and you cannot get any interest in having a Sunday Evening service. You are the only teaching elder and you have 3 ruling elders that form your session. All of the elders are 65 years old or older.

You and your wife have been going out nights for about the last two weeks visiting your congregation to get to know them better. During that time one of the young couples in your church is in an automobile wreck and the husband is killed. You perform the funeral and help the young (attractive) widow to get her home.

About a week goes by and it is your wife’s birthday. Tonight you are taking her to her favorite play, in a city about 40 miles away. You spent a lot of money for front row seats and your wife is very excited about going. You have almost finished dressing and the phone rings. It is the young widow and she is crying uncontrollable. She says that she needs to see you tonight, because she just doesn’t think she is going to make it. She says that all she is thinking about is her husband and how much she wants her husband back. She feels like her life is over and she is afraid that she is going to do something to herself if she doesn’t get help right away.

**As her pastor, what do you do?**

**How do you as the pastor’s wife react to this?**