40 Financial Conversation Starters

- 1. What is your personal relationship with money? If you do not know, learn at moneyhabitudes.com.
- 2. How did your family talk about money in your home growing up?
- 3. What did your family prioritize spending money on growing up?
- 4. As a child, to your knowledge, was your family financially secure?
- 5. Did your family financially support you after high school as a young adult or during college?
- 6. Will your family financially support you during wedding planning?
- 7. How will we pay for our wedding and honeymoon?
- 8. What are your current financial goals?
- 9. Do you currently have a budget, and if so, are you good at budgeting?
- 10. Do we want to create a budget?

- 11. Do we want to have joint or separate bank accounts?
- 12. Will we consider the money we earn from our jobs our shared money?
- 13. How will we divide expenses?
- 14. What do you consider a financial need versus a financial want?
- 15. What amount of money are we comfortable spending before alerting each other first?
- 16. What percentage of money do we want to save?
- 17. What percentage of money do we want to give?
- 18. Do we only want to give money to our church, or do we want to give money to other worthy causes or organizations?
- 19. Will we approach financial management from a biblical perspective?
- 20. Are we comfortable with debt, and if so, how much debt are we comfortable with?
- 21. Do you currently have any debt (credit cards, student loans, car loans, etc.), and if so, how are you planning to pay it off?

- 22. Are we comfortable having credit cards, and if so, what do we plan on using them for?
- 23. Are we comfortable financing for major purchases (schooling, cars, a home, etc.)?
- 24. Initially, do we want to rent an apartment or home, or do we want to buy a home?
- 25. Initially, what are we saving for—an emergency fund, a down payment for a home, a car, retirement, etc.?
- 26. Initially, are we comfortable renting while we pay off debt (credit cards, student loans, car loans, etc.)?
- 27. Do you have any savings or inheritance you are bringing into marriage?
- 28. How do you think our viewpoint of money in our current season of life will change in the next five years?
- 29. Do you believe the money we earn in our lifetime is ours to spend, or do we want to save money to financially support our children and grandchildren?
- 30. Do you plan on wanting to go back to school in the future

 —how will this affect how we save and spend money?

- 31. Are we waiting to expand our family until we save a specific amount of money, and if so, what is that amount?
- 32. If we cannot have our own children, do we want to adopt or explore other medical options—how will this affect how we save and spend money?
- 33. Do you want to be a stay-at-home mom or dad—how will this affect how we save and spend money?
- 34. Do we both want to be working parents—how will childcare affect how we save and spend money?
- 35. Are we comfortable taking financial risks, and if so, what kind?
- 36. Do you have a financial advisor, and if so, do we want to use the same financial advisor or choose a new one?
- 37. How do you feel about lending money to friends or family?
- 38. What is your credit score?
- 39. Is money stressful to you, and if so, how can I support you when we have financial conversations?
- 40. Do you have any financial fears or concerns, and if so, how can I support you in addressing them?