**RELATIONSHIP CONTRACT**

**OBJECTIVES:**

**To identify what you want in a relationship; to assess what is negotiable and what is not.**

**To practice defending to another person your needs and values in an ongoing contractual relationship.**

**To demonstrate the importance of discussing these kinds of issues before entering a contractual relationship.**

*Instructions: Choose a partner, preferably someone you do not know at all. Use the contract outline which I am about to distribute. This will help you think through what you want in any kind of continuing relationship.*

*Ask questions, push, help your partner clarify his/her needs and expectations for this kind of relationship.*

*As you finish your discussion in each area, use your contract to record your responses and feelings and wants; also, record those items which are unclear to you.*

*This is not to be a consensus exercise between the two of you. The important thing is to go through the difficult process of knowing where you stand and making your needs known to the other person.*

CONTRACT FORM:

NAME: **Jacob Wall**

Should the wife take on the husband’s last name, the husband take on the wife’s last name, both take on a hyphenated name, a new name, or both keep their on name?

**It does not really matter what is chosen, personally I would be open to taking my wife’s last name simply because I do not like my current one.**

If there are any children, what should their surnames be?

**I do not think surnames are necessary.**

BIRTH CONTROL:

What kind?

**Pills? Isn’t it just pills and those rings? Not my area of expertise.**

Whose responsibility?

**The girls because guys can do contraception’s(condoms) but we can’t really take our own birth control and I am not going to get a vasectomy.**

HOUSEHOLD DUTIES:

Who does what?

**We do what we are best at. Unlike how my current living situation is with my roommate, that doesn’t mean I (or my future wife) do everything. I personally am a neat freak so I probably couldn’t live with someone else that doesn’t have the same idea.**

Under what circumstances?

**I am unsure what this question is asking.**  
  
LEISURE TIME:

Should evenings and weekends be spent together?

**We should plan on it but understand it’s unlikely that it will happen because I will be a CEO… Maybe I should just not get married.**

Who decides what to do?

**It should flip flop on who decides what we do so it is fair.**

Should vacations be spent together?

**Yes, I know a couple who vacations separately and it’s super odd to me. They seem to be fine with it though.**

With children?

Some vacations should be done with children and others without children, how is a couple ever to get alone time with kids always on vacation with them?

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS:

Where will the couple live?

**I really like the idea of living here in Dallas and I love where I grew up in the later years(Southlake) but I would be fine with Keller too.**

What kind of privacy do you want?

**There’s no such thing as privacy anymore.**

Shared bedrooms?

**We should sleep in the same bed.**

Do you want to live with others?

**I believe that until we get ourselves on our feet that would be sufficient but not in the long run.**

What will you and your partner do if you want to live in different places because of jobs, or for any other reason?

**We probably wouldn’t make it if we lived in two separate cities due to jobs or another reason.**

MONEY:

Will both partners be wage earners?

**I probably will be the head money maker but I do want a wife who at least works and isn’t the stereotypical “omg Jill, our lives are so stressful! \*sips starbucks\* We have to pick up the kids and take them to soccer practice AND make dinner. Oh lord, our CEO husbands doesn’t know how stressful our lives are! Do you want to go get a pedi with me?” (Can you tell I highly dislike women like that? Lots of those in HP and Southlake)**

If so, will you pool your income?

**Sure.**

Each keep your own salary?

**That just seems odd to me.**

Share equally the cost of living expenses and keep the remainder for yourselves?

**No.**

SEXUAL RIGHTS:

Commitment to monogamy?

**Yes.**

Who initiates sex?

**I think that both parties should initiate sex, I understand women usually don’t want to initiate sex but it is awkward for guys to always have to initiate sex.**

Is either partner free not to respond?

**I would rather them be open to saying they’re really not wanting to have sex.**

CHILDREN:

Any?

**I don’t really know right now. I see myself being too busy to give adequate attention to my kids. I learned from personal experience that when you have successful parents who aren’t involved in your childhood you become very resentful and I wouldn’t want my kids to be that way.**

How many?

**0 or 2, not just 1. I don’t want my kid to grow up awkward, home bound, and snobby which I feel is what happens with only childs.**

When?

**After we have ourselves financially and martially stable.**

Adopt?

**I would be open to adopting.**

Who will take primary responsibility for raising the children?

**It probably would end up being my wife due to how busy I would be in the business world.**

What will be the general policy in discipline?

**There will be no disrespect, but I will be open to them making mistakes. If anything my parents let me make a lot of mistakes young fully knowing that by me dealing with the consequences then I’d save myself down the road.**

Corporal punishment?

Absolutely!

Will one partner have to quit a job?

**We would figure it out when the time came.**

OTHER RELATIONSHIPS:

Are you and your partner free to make relationships with other people?

Relationships as in friends? Yes. More than friends? No.

With those of the same sex?

Sure

With those of the opposite sex?

**Sure, but we’d have to have some trust at first. Preferably if I knew the guy first it’d be good but I am really bad at jealousy.**

What is to be the extent of these relationships?

**Just friends.**

Do you include each other in these relationships?

**Yes, that’d be preferred.**

ANY OTHER TOPICS or ISSUES THAT COME TO MIND????