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To Care for People Where They Live and Work

COMMUNITY Care TOPIC

Decision Making in the Family

The following questions relate to the way in which important decisions are made in your family. Please take this sheet home with you and answer the questions with your spouse or partner.

In your family, whose responsibility do you think it *usually is now* to make the decisions in each of the following areas? Please circle your answer (*hint:* use a different colored pen ink to show how similar are each of your answers).

| | | Always Husband | Almost Always Husband | Shared Equally | Almost Always Wife | Always Wife |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Where the couple lives | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. | What job husband takes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. | How many hours husband works | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. | What job wife takes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. | How many hours wife works | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. | Number of children in family | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. | When to praise or punish children | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | children | | | | | |
| 8. | How much time to spend with | | | | | |
| | children | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. | When to have social contacts | | | | | |
| | with friends | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. | When to have social contacts | | | | | |
| | with in-laws and relatives | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. | When to have sex | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. | How to have sex | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 13. | How to spend money | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14. | How and when to pursue personal | | | | | |
| | Interests | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 15. | Whether, and if so, which church | | | | | |
| | to attend | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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"It takes two to tango!"

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3

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Please look back over the way in which you think the decisions are made in the family. Now place an "X" to indicate how you think decisions *should be made* in your family. You can even come up with your own questions. I encourage you to use this guide to better communicate with each other and make decisions *together*.

This Community Care Topic can be distributed electronically and shared as a photocopy. Please contact your Community Chaplain at any time for additional resources and for any type of personal crisis support. The service is provided by Shepherd Care and is completely confidential. Please also visit the Shepherd Care website for more helpful resources.