

# **BURNING MARRIAGE CHALLENGES**



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We have identified some of the major burning issues facing marriages today, and have incorporated them into the following statements. What we would like you to do is read through the list, and indicates to what extent these issues have been handled by you. Tick the appropriate blocks where 1 equal low or strongly disagree and 5 high excellence or strongly agree

Again, do an honest, brutal self- assessment and remember it is never too late to start making a difference.



Kindly mark your choices with “X” on both sides.

Nr	Husband					Husband and Wife.	Wife				
1	1	2	3	4	5	We understand and uphold the full implications of our marriage vows	1	2	3	4	5
2	1	2	3	4	5	Forgiveness is a vital part of our lives.	1	2	3	4	5
3	1	2	3	4	5	We are sure of God’s plan for our marriage.	1	2	3	4	5
4	1	2	3	4	5	Praying together cements our marriage.	1	2	3	4	5
5	1	2	3	4	5	Our marriage is characterised by harmony.	1	2	3	4	5
6	1	2	3	4	5	We are fully responsible and loyal towards each other.	1	2	3	4	5
7	1	2	3	4	5	My spouse is a true help, an equal and a support in our marriage.	1	2	3	4	5
8	1	2	3	4	5	Our words, lifestyle and deeds are evidence of the good seeds we sow	1	2	3	4	5
9	1	2	3	4	5	We have beautiful dreams for our marriage and live them.	1	2	3	4	5
10	1	2	3	4	5	Peace reigns in our home.	1	2	3	4	5
11	1	2	3	4	5	We act in unity and complement each other.	1	2	3	4	5
12	1	2	3	4	5	Undesirable seeds and wrongful deeds have been uprooted.	1	2	3	4	5
13	1	2	3	4	5	We do not remind each other of past transgressions.	1	2	3	4	5
14	1	2	3	4	5	There is very little strife.	1	2	3	4	5
15	1	2	3	4	5	We pray and intercede on a regular basis.	1	2	3	4	5
16	1	2	3	4	5	We are faithful to each other.	1	2	3	4	5
17	1	2	3	4	5	No bitterness is evident in either spouse.	1	2	3	4	5
18	1	2	3	4	5	We have a definite vision for marriage.	1	2	3	4	5

19	1	2	3	4	5	Decision making is based on consensus.	1	2	3	4	5
20	1	2	3	4	5	We have a healthy approach to sexual intimacy.	1	2	3	4	5
21	1	2	3	4	5	We support each other and do not belittle each other.	1	2	3	4	5
22	1	2	3	4	5	We are mindful of what we say and how we speak to each other (the power of the tongue).	1	2	3	4	5
23	1	2	3	4	5	We are sensitively tuned in to hear God's vision for our lives and to carry it out.	1	2	3	4	5
24	1	2	3	4	5	We test whether our decisions are in agreement with the Word of God.	1	2	3	4	5
25	1	2	3	4	5	We are strong in faith, and doubt and fear have been warded off.	1	2	3	4	5
26	1	2	3	4	5	We act in unity.	1	2	3	4	5
27	1	2	3	4	5	Silence and sabotage are not part of our lives.	1	2	3	4	5
28	1	2	3	4	5	We trust each other.	1	2	3	4	5
29	1	2	3	4	5	We do not blame each other for our failures.	1	2	3	4	5
30	1	2	3	4	5	We constantly walk in peace.	1	2	3	4	5
31	1	2	3	4	5	Christ Jesus is truly the foundation and centre of our marriage.	1	2	3	4	5
32	1	2	3	4	5	Wrong deeds are never brought up again.	1	2	3	4	5
33	1	2	3	4	5	True and complete reconciliation is quickly achieved	1	2	3	4	5
34	1	2	3	4	5	We strive towards fulfilling our vision of faith for our marriage.	1	2	3	4	5
35	1	2	3	4	5	God's will is our basis for reaching agreement.	1	2	3	4	5
36	1	2	3	4	5	Neither spouse is selfish or self-centred.	1	2	3	4	5

37	1					If we have wronged each other, we confess immediately.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
38	1					Spouses love each other continuously and unconditionally.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
39	1					No action is taken unless we have reached agreement.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
40	1					The words we use are spiritually uplifting, encouraging and comforting.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
41	1					Both husband and wife cling to each other (in mind, body and soul) and are therefore one.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
42	1					Peace and harmony are continually sown.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
43	1					There is no sign of unforgiveness in our lives.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
44	1					We are in complete harmony with each other.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
45	1					We are sensitive to the Holy Spirit and are available to be used with regard to any of the gifts.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
46	1					We live for, honour and cherish each other.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
47	1					Our value system is evidence of the fact that we are loving and indulgent towards each other and honour each other.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
48	1					The fruits that are sown are love, joy, peace, friendliness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and self-control.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
49	1					We strive for love and peace, rather than keep count of wrongdoings.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
50	1					It is easy to love and cherish each other.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5
51	1					We are honest, open and transparent towards each other.	1				
	1	2	3	4	5			2	3	4	5

52	1	2	3	4	5	We have a sound marriage and we can reach out to bless others.	1	2	3	4	5
53	1	2	3	4	5	Ungodly life patterns of the past have been confessed and spouses have forgiven each other	1	2	3	4	5
54	1	2	3	4	5	Our married life bears witness to a victorious lifestyle.	1	2	3	4	5
55	1	2	3	4	5	Our marriage is a lighthouse to others.	1	2	3	4	5
56	1	2	3	4	5	Our home can serve as an oasis of peace for those who are lost and a beacon of light for those searching the truth.	1	2	3	4	5
57	1	2	3	4	5	We do not allow undesirable behaviour to influence our lives.	1	2	3	4	5
58	1	2	3	4	5	We do not hide secrets from each other.	1	2	3	4	5
59	1	2	3	4	5	We earnestly aspire to greater heights in our spiritual life.	1	2	3	4	5
60	1	2	3	4	5	We live in victory.	1	2	3	4	5
61	1	2	3	4	5	Love and faithfulness are shown by deeds.	1	2	3	4	5
62	1	2	3	4	5	Sensitive in approach and act with empathy.	1	2	3	4	5
63	1	2	3	4	5	Primary source of spiritual guidance and teaching.	1	2	3	4	5
64	1	2	3	4	5	Always ready for reconciliation and restoration.	1	2	3	4	5
65	1	2	3	4	5	Feeling of joy and peace in the home.	1	2	3	4	5
66	1	2	3	4	5	Voice constructive criticism.	1	2	3	4	5
67	1	2	3	4	5	Provide necessary encouragement.	1	2	3	4	5
68	1	2	3	4	5	Serve the Lord and seek His face in spirit and truth.	1	2	3	4	5
69	1	2	3	4	5	Do not demoralise each other with words.	1	2	3	4	5
70	1	2	3	4	5	Wonderful lover.	1	2	3	4	5

Thank you for taking the time to complete this. Your efforts are appreciated.

**WHAT DID YOU HEAR?** What did God say to you as you complete this questionnaire?

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?** What does it mean to you, how does it apply to your life, and what difference does it make to you?

**WHAT WILL YOU DO?** What action step will you take? How will you think differently? How will you live differently?

Receive and move forward!  
Raise your HOPES!!  
Be blessed  
Be a Reacher  
Expect greater breakthroughs  
Receive this Word and rejoice.  
This is your time.

**NOW YOU PRAY:** This is where you put your thoughts into prayer. It could be a prayer of gratitude or praise. It could be a prayer of confession or a request for God's help. It's up to you. But take a minute and write a prayer response.



## Marriage

The main reason behind divorces



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Mario Denton was born in 1955 in the province of Cape Town, South Africa. He has a solid Christian praying and committed family background. Mario came to Christ when he was 16 years old.

Mario Denton is the study leader of 160 MBA research projects, published 15 books, two case studies, a chapter in book and published 6 international articles and delivering papers at 32 conferences world-wide.

He is an Industrial Psychologist, international teacher. He has two counseling diplomas and two master's degrees, (M Econ and MBA) and completed his PhD as well as DBA in Organizational Behavior and Business Administration.

He has presented People Management practices 44 times consecutively to MBA students and trained about 3000 participants of which 300 MBA students in Emotional Intelligence. Mario is currently the CEO for Strong Message Business Consultancy, the True Africa Leadership Institute Director for Africa plus the Africa Director for 2=1 and Character First.

Mario uses his strong Christian, academic, corporate background and his uniquely effective coaching to help people tap into their inner being to utilize their strengths and expand their skills and to make a difference in the workplace.

He teaches people management, leadership, emotional and spiritual intelligence, and organizational behavior and change management. Mario is an optimist who possesses a passion for people and tutoring and a real love for life and has devoted his career so far to people management and facilitating complex and perpetual change.

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