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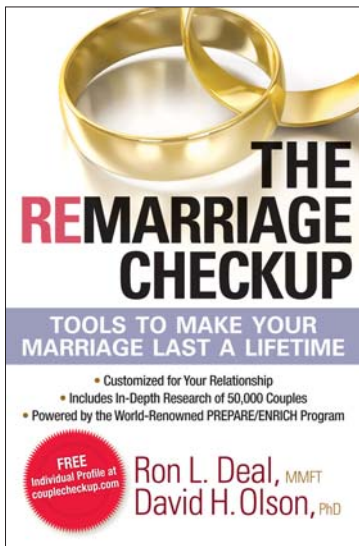
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## SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

### *The Remarriage Checkup*

by Ron L. Deal, MMFT, and David H. Olson, PhD

1. A basic premise of *The Remarriage Checkup* is that people have regular checkups for lots of things in life (e.g., dental, heart, car engine, even checking the air pressure of your tires) but rarely do couples get a checkup of their relationship. Why do you think that is?
2. There are many marriage books on the market today. What makes this one unique and what needs does it address?
3. You say *The Remarriage Checkup* combines science and practical wisdom. What do you mean by that?
4. Is *The Remarriage Checkup* only for married couples?
5. Do couples have to buy the book to take the Couple Checkup online?  
([www.CoupleCheckup.com](http://www.CoupleCheckup.com))
6. What is the Couple Positioning System (CPS) you talk about?
7. What relationship qualities are the top predictors of healthy, strong remarriages?
8. Given our culture's obsession with sex, did it surprise you to find it wasn't in the top five qualities predicting great relationships?
9. What specific issues were the most common stumbling blocks for remarriage couples?
10. One of the surprising qualities of strong couples that you discovered is shared leisure time. Tell us about that.
11. There is a lot of debate about whether shared spirituality really makes a difference for marriages. Does spirituality contribute to a healthy remarriage?
12. What other qualities of healthy couples stood out?



#### ***The Remarriage Checkup***

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### Suggested Radio Interview Promotional Lines

1. "An unparalleled study of 50,000 remarriage relationships finds there is good reason why the remarriage divorce rate is between 10-25% higher than first marriages. And we'll share the top five qualities of happy remarriage relationships—and sex is not one of them."
2. "Coming up, we'll talk with a researcher of the largest study of remarriage couples (over 100,000 people surveyed) about what surprised them most in their findings—and we'll learn how remarriages are similar *and different* from first marriages."
3. "At least one partner in 85% of remarrying couples believes that the children will put additional stress on the couple's relationship—and they're right! Find out how you can lower your family stress and make this marriage last when we come back."