

Marriage Plus Application (One per person)

Dear Friends,

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May God bless you richly as you seek to grow "together" in His service!

Love in Christ,

Gary and Ann Wooley

1. Briefly summarize your own spiritual history.
2. List any previous ministry involvement and tell about your present church participation (including attendance). This will be different for every person and for some this may be "only the beginning" of your experience. Please explain.
3. Describe briefly and generally the present dynamics of your marriage from your point of view, including patterns of communication. You need not give specifics.
4. Describe in some detail your present schedule including all weekly and monthly commitments (work, school, sports, clubs, lessons, and activities with your own children, etc.).
5. Which, if any, of the above commitments would you be willing to drop in order to make time for Marriage Plus (4 hrs. /wk.)?
6. Having read the philosophy, purpose and goals statement, please summarize in your own words the goals of Marriage Plus.
7. Tell why you personally want to commit the hours to the Marriage Plus training.
8. While this course is very practical, the foundation is spiritual. By this we mean that you will be challenged to work, to grow and to change. All of this will test your devotion, not only to your marriage, but also to Christ. For this reason, we ask each of you to affirm the statement of faith on page 26a by adding your signature.

Sample Application

This will help you know how much detail to include in your application.

1. As a child I was raised in a Catholic family. We went to church regularly, but as I grew older and started playing sports, I went to church less often. I always "believed" in God, but it wasn't until I was in my last year of college that I wanted to learn more about Jesus. I accepted Jesus as my Savior at the age of 23, so my time as a believer has been short. Over the past two years I have seen tremendous growth in my knowledge of God's Word, and in my desire to strengthen my relationship with the Lord.

2. I haven't had much ministry experience, but I am active in a Bible study and I help prepare the lessons when it is my turn. I also like to share the Gospel with others. We are excited to learn new ministry skills.

3. My mate is my best friend, and we love spending time together. We struggle sometimes with how to manage our time since both of us work. Communication is sometimes great and sometimes awful. There are times when we don't seem to understand each other at all. But we are very committed to learn and grow in our marriage.

4. My schedule during the week is

8:00-5:00	Monday through Friday work
7:30-9:30	Tuesday night Bible study
6:00-10:00	Friday night with friends, or special time as a couple
6:00-8:00	university computer course

Weekends

9:00-11:00	Saturday volleyball team
9:00-12:30	Sunday church

5. I will not take any university courses during Marriage Plus, because that will give us time to work on assignments together.

6. In my own words, the goal of Marriage Plus is to help us develop greater emotional and spiritual intimacy in our marriage, and to learn how to serve Jesus as a couple. The skills we learn will help us minister in our church, and also in our home.

7. I want to commit the hours to the Marriage Plus course because we are excited about learning to minister as a couple. We want to be spiritually fruitful, and the training we receive will help us toward that goal. I appreciate the opportunity to be in a small group with other young couples and learn together. I want to glorify God with my life.

8. (Please read and sign the statement of faith.)

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My Statement of Faith.

"I believe that Jesus Christ is God's only and beloved Son. Jesus said, "I have come to seek and to save lost sinners." And He said, "I have come that they might have life, and have it abundantly." When He died on the cross, it was to take away my sin and to make me clean and acceptable in God's sight. By a decision of faith, I have personally trusted in Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. And I rejoice that my salvation is a gift from God. I have personally experienced God's forgiveness, and He has given me eternal life through the Holy Spirit. So now, my desire is to grow in my relationship with God by responding to the two great invitations of Jesus, "Abide in Me!" and "Follow Me!"

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Couple Information

Names _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of marriage _____

Children with Birthdays

Present ministry _____

