

REMARRIAGE READINESS

checklist

EMOTIONAL READINESS:

- ✓ Reflect on lessons from previous relationship(s)
- ✓ Process emotions around the end of previous marriage
- ✓ Identify motivations and desires for remarrying
- ✓ Seek counseling or attend pre-marital workshops if needed
- ✓ Discuss readiness with trusted friends/family

LEGAL PREPARATIONS:

- ✓ Finalize divorce decree from previous marriage
- ✓ Settle property divisions, alimony, and child support arrangements
- ✓ Update estate planning documents (will, beneficiaries, trusts)
- ✓ Consult a family law attorney about prenuptial agreement
- ✓ Understand how remarriage impacts rights and obligations

PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT:

- ✓ Discuss rationale and benefits with your partner
- ✓ Outline financial responsibilities and asset protection
- ✓ Address provisions for children from previous relationships
- ✓ Seek legal counsel to draft and review the agreement

BLENDING FAMILIES:

- ✓ Discuss parenting philosophies and disciplinary approaches
- ✓ Agree on rules, routines, and responsibilities in new family
- ✓ Plan gradual introductions of new partner to children
- ✓ Consider family therapy to navigate complex dynamics
- ✓ Commit to patience, open communication, and consistency

FINANCIAL PLANNING:

- ✓ Decide how to manage finances (joint, separate, or combined)
- ✓ Disclose existing financial obligations (debts, alimony, etc.)
- ✓ Develop a joint budget, savings, and investment strategy
- ✓ Align on retirement planning goals
- ✓ Schedule regular financial check-ins and reviews