

Suggested Interview Questions for Tricia Goyer

Generation NeXt Marriage: The Couple's Guide to Keeping it Together

- 1.) You define Generation X as adults born in the 1960s to the 1980s. Tell us a little more about this generation as well as the types of challenges that are unique to their marriages?
- 2.) Lets break out a few of these challenges and look at them more closely, for example...
 - a. Poor relationship role models... According to your book, 40% of all GenXers spent time in a single parent home before they were 16. In fact, you wrote that your mom and step dad were contemplating divorce on your very own wedding day! Tell us how GenXers can protect their own marriages in spite of the broken relationships they saw modeled in their youth?
 - b. Many Xers come into their marriages bearing the bonds of past relationships. Would you share with us a little bit of your own experience in this area, particularly how these bonds hurt your relationship and how you ultimately overcame them?
 - c. You say that finding work/home balance is one of the issues Xers struggle with most. Yet, as the "latchkey" generation, it is one of their greatest desires. What are some strategies that will help keep couples close in spite of all the busyness?
- 3.) Your book offers practical advice for negotiating kids, work, sex, money and dirty laundry – pointing out that a husband and wife may deal with each of these issues in a single day! What is the secret to navigating and negotiating the tricky territory and still maintaining the peace?
- 4.) Yet, conflict, at times, is inevitable. Can you tell us a little bit about the root causes of conflict and offer some quick tips for its management. Also, we should remember that conflict isn't always negative! Tell us about some of the relationship positives that can come from conflict?
- 5.) At the end of the book, related to its content, you included questions for personal reflection and scriptures to read. How will personal reflection and Bible study impact each reader's ability to be more happily married?