

The Bible's view of cohabitation

Reading, discussion, case study.

You know the students, for cohabitation put forward what reason? What do you think of their choices?

What do the people of the world think about cohabiting in love?

What does the Bible say about premarital cohabitation?

Ephesians 5: 3-5

1 Corinthians 6: 18-20

Hebrews 13: 4

What does the Bible say about holiness and wickedness?

1 Peter 2:12

1 Peter 1: 14-15

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I Timothy 4:12

What have you learned from these verses?

Is there any reason for cohabitation not covered in the Bible? Please give.

You have not understand? Do you have any questions about cohabitation?

Please consider the following questions and you will discuss with the research team leader:

Through this study, you think you should have any change?

In this case,

Guide to lead

Case Study:

You have three classmates, not Christians, who intend to travel with you on May Day. The four of you are two men and two women, no relationship between each other. Some of you are not well - off, so it is suggested that four people share a hotel room, so that you can have more money on food or entertainment. What do you think about it? How would you respond to a friend's suggestion? If the same people are Christians, will your thoughts change?

You have a friend who has just begun to believe in the Lord, and he tells you that you are thinking about living with your girlfriend recently. He felt there is no privacy in the dormitory, and because the curriculum and test too much, and girlfriend to meet the time is always not enough. He also mentioned that he could not afford the cost of a home, and cohabitation after the girlfriend is also easy to share their beliefs. Your friend wants to ask for your opinion. What would you say to him?

In your fellowship there is a pair of lovers who plan to get married after graduation. They are preparing to go abroad, and other students, they intend to rent a house outside the campus, with a semester of time to prepare GRE exam. Another fellowship in the fellowship also wanted to move out of the campus and find an uninterrupted environment to study the Bible. The three of them would like to rent a room, so that we can have more time for the exchange of the Lord, and the lovers can also take this more in-depth understanding of each other, while seeking God's instructions for marriage. Do you think this is a good idea? Talk about your reasons.

Reasons for college students to live together:

⊖ love each other, want to deepen feelings

⊖ easier to get privacy, sex

The two will marry in the future

⊖ financial convenience

The hostel's environment is not suitable for study and rest (during the GRE exam preparation for several months)
⊖ men / girlfriend from the field (economic, convenient, more time, you can have two people belong to the place)
⊖ The other party asks, is not willing to hurt him / her, or undermine the future relationship

Why cohabitation does not make your relationship more mature and does not prepare for your marriage:

1. Communication is limited: in a cohabitation relationship lovers often committed to the relationship between the two physical and communication level, rather than the spiritual level and emotional level. (If they have a solid mental and emotional foundation, they will be prepared to marry.) Material needs distract them, making it difficult to delve deeply into their beliefs, thoughts and worries. If deep friendship can not be established when the two sides meet each other, then the burden of life (including financial, sexual, family, etc.), it may not be able to establish a deeper relationship.
2. Judgment of obstruction: as a trial marriage or a substitute for marriage, cohabitation for two people to avoid some of the couple must decide between the issues. For example: the property is still divided into two, so the difference between the concept of consumer consumption becomes insignificant. Other aspects of life are also relatively independent, such as: family relationships, personal hygiene habits, hobbies, career choices and so on.
3. Can not accurately measure the fit between the two: both sides know that this common life is temporary, so willing to endure some of the other shortcomings, but if you want to endure life, these shortcomings are unacceptable. So cohabiting people will not strive to adjust the differences between the two sides, in order to achieve coordination. If the situation worsens, two people will not want to continue to maintain relations.

The main argument against cohabitation in the Bible is premarital sex. Regardless of whether people admit, the main reason for cohabitation is often physical intimate contact. Although some people will find many other reasons, objective conditions, a variety of factors, but these are excuses. There may also be Christian lovers who do not have sexual intercourse during cohabitation. In this case, remind them that the reason for choosing to cohabit may not be out of confidence, but for another reason, There is no apparent violation of the biblical commandments, nor sin (Romans 14:23)

A cohabitation of life will thwart God's plan:

1. The relationship of love: 1 Corinthians 13

A. For whatever reason, if a pair of lovers do not want to get married, then their life together is not God defined love. If the main motive of cohabitation is sex, convenience in life, or trying to avoid the shackles of the law, then this behavior is selfish rather than selfless, self-centered rather than concerned about each other, is reserved rather than given, is conditional Not unconditional love.

2. The Promise of Marriage: 1 Corinthians 7: 9-11, 18-19; Hebrews 13: 4

B. The Bible makes it clear that marriage is not a temporary union, but a life-long covenant, characterized by the separation of one's parents from one's parents into one family. If you live a life of marriage as if the Bible says, but without a lifetime commitment, it will be a dangerous decision that you will not receive the blessing, shelter and grace God has given to Christian marriages. Cohabitation is such a way of life without commitment.

3. How intimate relationships are fostered:

God's plan is to have people develop intimate relationships in several ways, including spiritual, emotional, physical, and physical intimacy. God does not require all people to cultivate relationships in the same way and at the same speed. But if a couple is to follow God's Word and nurture their feelings for years, they will have a lifetime of deep affection, for they have established a solid spiritual and emotional foundation before physical contact. If two people through the cohabitation directly to life and physical intimacy, they will never have the opportunity to cultivate a deep friendship. When difficulties arise in life, who chose to live together before marriage or had premarital sex would be more inclined to divorce.

4. How should we treat temptation: 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Romans 13: 13-14

A. The same room with the opposite sex, even if there are other people living together, but also created a lack of restraint and supervision of the environment. The temptation of such an environment is a violation of the biblical evasion of temptation.

5. God will supply our needs: Matthew 6: 25-34; Jeremiah 29: 11-13

A. Living together with two heterosexuals can not glorify God's plan for the Christian life. Whether for economic reasons or for the convenience of life, this is tantamount to believing that the supply of God's word is sufficient. They rely on themselves, rather than on the wisdom of God, waiting for his time. God knows all aspects of our lives, understand our needs, but also willing to meet our needs. God's supply comes from His holiness, and we can believe that God's provision for our lives and our marriage is given in a holy way.

6. The Christian Testimony: 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2: 7-8; 1 Peter 2:12

A. The Bible clearly states that believers should pay attention to their words and deeds and should not be a stumbling block to non-believers and other brothers and sisters. In a worldly vision, cohabitation necessarily involves sexual relations, which is the usual idea, even if you only live with the opposite sex for a few months or even days, whether you are living in a single room, suite, or hotel room. This idea will affect their views of Christians, but also make them doubt God's holiness. As a Christian, if you do not act with suspicion and deceitful behavior, you are tempting other believers to sin and give the devil the opportunity to make falsehoods, so that unbelievers believe that there is no difference between Christianity and other secular standards of morality .

Modern research shows that for every 100 pairs of cohabiting lovers, 40 of the final will not get married. In 60 pairs of married couples, 45 pairs of divorce, that is, 100 pairs of lovers in only 15 pairs to maintain a long marriage.

Therefore, cohabitation will have two negative effects: reduce the marriage rate, improve the divorce rate.

You may encounter the situation:

The believer has been living with his boyfriend / girlfriend

The believer is considering living with a boyfriend / girlfriend

Because there can not be found same-sex roommates, believers and a total of multiple heterosexual living room

⊖ believers are considering the living environment will be the opposite sex to live with

The believers heard that there were a couple lovers living together in the fellowship

References:

⊖ No

Tutoring alone:

Do you know some couples living together? Why do they choose to live together? What do you think of this?

If you lead a believer with a male / female friend:

Have you ever considered living with your boyfriend / girlfriend? why?

○ What is the place to live together to attract you?

Do you think this will change your relationship? why? How will change?

⊖ Most people see two love people live together, how would like to? If these two people do not fall in love?

Do you think under what circumstances boys and girls can live together?

If you want to share a room with others, but only to find the opposite sex roommate, how would you do?

If you do not have a relationship with your boyfriend / girlfriend, you may break your feelings. What would you do?

How do you think of the same sex during the tour to live a hotel room problem?