

# ELEPHANTS

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## Part 1: Cohabitation



# What is cohabitation?

**Cohabitation is when a romantically involved couple lives together without being married.**

**Dating – Exclusivity – Engagement – Marriage – **Living together****

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**What does the Bible say?**

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**“Marriage should be honored by all,  
and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge  
the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.”**

**Hebrews 13:4**

**What does the Bible say?**

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**“The husband should fulfill his wife’s sexual needs,  
and the wife should fulfill her husband’s needs.”**

**1 Corinthians 7:3**

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**“Run from sexual sin! No other sin  
so clearly affects the body as this one does.**

**For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.”**

**1 Corinthians 6:18**

## **4 Reasons for Cohabitation:**

**1. We need to make sure we're compatible.**

**You're not compatible.**

## **4 Reasons for Cohabitation:**

**2. It's convenient.**

**You don't want a convenient relationship;  
You want a committed relationship.**

## **4 Reasons for Cohabitation:**

**3. It helps financially.**

**Just because it helps you,  
doesn't mean it's right for you.**



## **4 Reasons for Cohabitation:**

**4. It's just a piece of paper.**

**Then sign it.**

**“There is a way that seems right to a man,  
but its end is the way of death.”**

**Proverbs 14:12**

# **What do we do?**

- 1. If you have a friend, child, or parent in a cohabitating relationship, lead with love.**
- 2. If you are living with someone and have real plans to get married, get married and stop having sex until you do.**
- 3. If you are in a cohabitating relationship not actively pursuing marriage, borrow a truck.**



**Is Jesus Lord of  
your love life?**

