

Unmarried Living

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There are many excuses that people make when it comes to living together without being married. Everyone gives their explanation of why living together is much easier than marriage. I want to explore three excuses why some people decide to live together supposed to marry.

The first reason I want to explore is with some their opinion is that they want to make sure that they are compatible to live under the same roof before marriage. Some think what I like to say it's a test run. Living apart doesn't fully tell you everything that you need to know about a person. When you're in two separate homes it's easy for you to feel like you can be with someone because you are around that person all day. You don't have to share the same space, rent, or other duties of living under one roof. You really don't get to know that person very well and it is easy for someone to hide things about themselves when their living under two separate roofs, but when you are under one roof many couples find out more about the person that they didn't know before coming under one roof. So, a lot of people use this time to do a test run to see if they can live together if so then maybe they will move forward to the next stage.

What I've learned is that most people end up breaking up during this stage because they find out what they didn't know, and soon realize that maybe this isn't the one for them. My opinion on the matter is that when they cohabitate before marriage they find out that it was never supposed to be that way. It is easy for a person that is not committed to a relationship or have anything invested in a relationship to pack up and leave. When people decide to do this, they

aren't thinking about the effect it will cause on their relationship. It is in no way a way to test and see if marriage is for them. Marriage is not something that one day you decide that you don't like how he leaves his clothes in the middle of the floor and you pack all your things and leave. Marriage goes beyond test driving a living situation out. It's a full-time commitment under any kind of condition.

Secondly, people do it because they don't want to marry. They feel as though it is better to live together than it is for them to marry. Some don't think it's necessary that they marry. I've heard that from lots of people that marriage is nothing, but a piece of paper and they stick by this code. From their perspective, it is better for them to live together under one roof and not have to bring the legal system into it. They feel as if they love each other papers cannot tell them what they already know. This can bring problems as well. Most already know that in some states there is common law. You can lose just as much under common law as you would in a marriage depending on certain circumstances. People who tend to live together for a very long time can fall under this title and when they part the other partner can sue them and it is perfectly legal.

The third thing is for some it's financially better for two people to come together and share the bills instead of one, but this is the worse one in my opinion. You are not coming together because you love the other but its more because of financial reasons. When you do this, and it is kids involved, then there is a whole other door that opens that causes more problems than a little. Finacial stability should never be the reason for a person to live together. Sometimes it makes the relationship worse because one person is taking on more of the financial duties than

the other. One person may make more than the other, then there is friction in the relationship of who does more. Sometimes more bills come when there is another person that comes into the picture, so is it worth coming under one roof just for monetary reasons?

In conclusion, there are many reasons why people live unmarried. Everyone has their own reason and for them, it isn't about what is right or wrong but it's about what they decide to do with their own lives and what is best for them at this stage of life.

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