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Bible Study

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BOUNDARY BREAKERS

What are some things you are confronted with that makes it difficult to stay within God's boundaries? These lessons will focus on some things that the enemy uses to entice us to cross the boundaries that God has set for all believers.

COHABITATION / SHACKING UP

I. Some Facts About Shacking Up

1. The Barna Research Group says that 5.4 million couples shack-up!
2. Of that number 37% profess to be Christians.
3. 85% of couples who first live together get a divorce.
4. Women who shack up are twice as likely to experience domestic violence.

II. Why Do People Shack Up? (Reasons they give).

1. We need to see if we are compatible.
2. He said he would leave me unless we move in first.
3. So we can save money on paying rent.
4. Other reasons....

III. What The Bible Says About Shacking Up

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| 1. <i>Romans 12:1-2</i> | 7. <i>Ephesians 5:3-5</i> |
| 2. <i>1st Corinthians 6:18-20</i> | 8. <i>Ephesians 5:8-10</i> |
| 3. <i>1st Corinthians 7:1-2</i> | 9. <i>Ephesians 5:17</i> |
| 4. <i>1st Corinthians 7:8-9</i> | 10. <i>1st Thessalonians 4:3</i> |
| 5. <i>2nd Corinthians 5:17</i> | 11. <i>1st Thessalonians 5:21-22</i> |
| 6. <i>Galatians 5:19</i> | 12. <i>Hebrews 13:4</i> |

IV. How To Stop Shacking Up?

1. Make a decision to move out.
2. Confess to God that what you did was wrong.
3. Receive God's forgiveness.
4. If you think the relationship is worth continuing:
 - Both of you should make a commitment to God.
 - Put a ring on it!!!
 - Set a wedding date.
 - Get some premarital counseling.
 - GET MARRIED!!!

Remember, God has set boundaries as it relates to Believers and relationships. Let's stay within those boundaries!