

“Family in Crisis”

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Biblical Answers to Culturally Acceptable Philosophies

1. Living together is a viable option to marriage. It's best to live together before marriage. How will you know you are really compatible? Marriage is just a piece of paper anyway.

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” Gen 2:24

“Marriage must be honored among all and the marriage bed kept undefiled, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers.” Heb. 13:4

2. Divorce is unfortunate but it is not realistic to stay in a marriage you are unhappy in. I don't really think, “Till death do us part” is acceptable any more.

“Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. 14 You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.” Mal 2:13-14

“I hate divorce,” says the LORD God.” Mal. 2:16

3. Having sex with only one person and only as a married couple is an outdated idea. Sex is a natural expression of love that is ok to be shared as the person chooses.

“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness...” Gal. 5:19

“Flee sexual immorality! “Every sin a person commits is outside of the body”—but the immoral person sins against his own body.” 1 Cor. 6:18

4. As long as there is love in the household it doesn't matter if both parents are men or women.

*"Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes **nor homosexual offenders**...will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were." 1 Cor. 6:9-11*

*"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; **that is detestable.**" Lev 18:22*

5. I will do anything and everything to make my child happy.

*"**Discipline** your child, and he will give you rest; he will bring you happiness."*
Prov. 29:17

*"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but raise them up in the **discipline** and instruction of the Lord."* Eph. 6:4

6. Inflicting pain on a child in any form is abuse and should never be practiced.

*"The one who **spares his rod** hates his child, but the one who **loves his child** is diligent in disciplining him."* Prov. 13:24

7. If you're single for too long you obviously have something wrong with you.

*"Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is **good for them to stay unmarried**...An unmarried person is concerned about the Lord's affairs – how he can please the Lord...But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband."* 1 Cor. 7:2, 8, 32