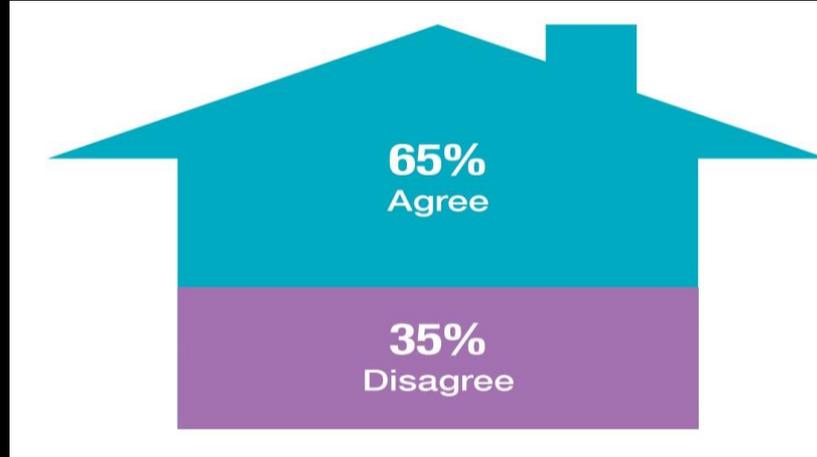


Co-habitation (2016): Is it a good idea?



A couple NOT living together prior to marriage 20% will divorce within 5 yrs

A couple living together and then gets married 49% will divorce within 5 yrs

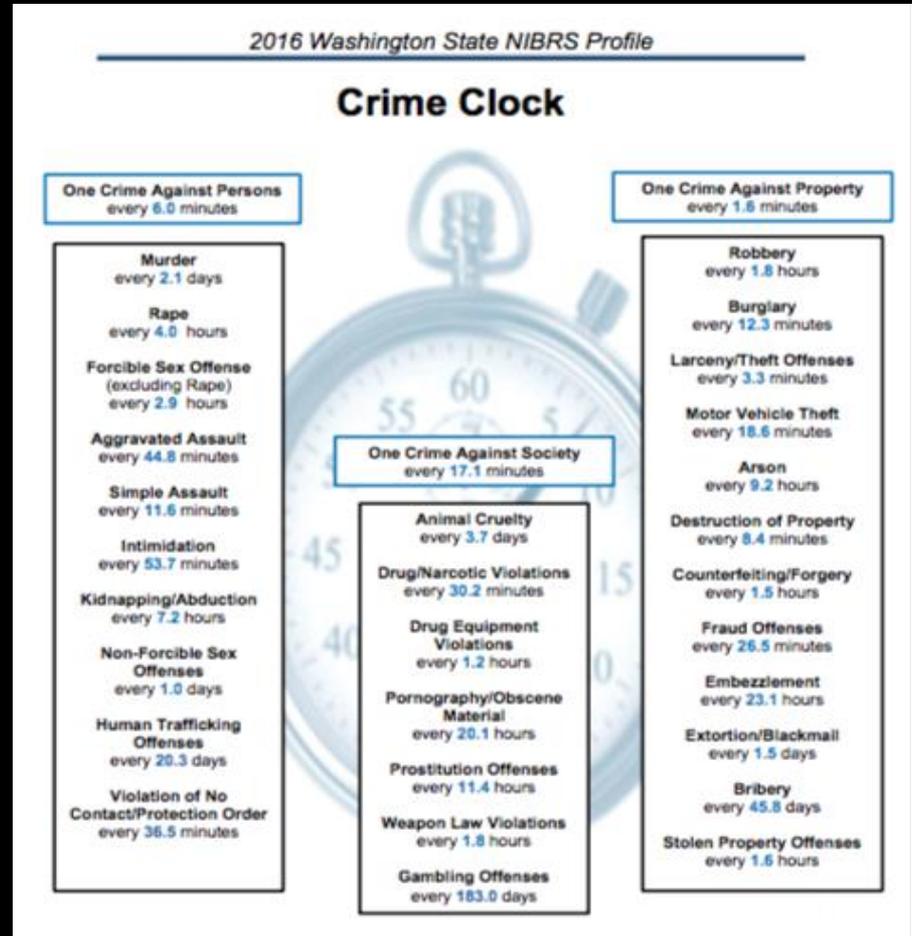
A couple that chooses to live together 49% will break up

A couple married 10 yrs 33% will divorce. An unmarried couple living together 62% will breakup in 10 yrs

In 2016, Crimes Against

- **Persons**
- **Property**
- **Society**

All showed an *increase*



Daniel 10:1 *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel...*

Our church needs “Daniel-like” people who are willing to do what it takes to break through the strongholds through prayer and fasting.

God is looking for people who are uncompromising in our relationships, integrity, commitment, honor, responsibility and excellence to God in the moral, ethical life issues as well as in our personal character and conduct.

Daniel Fast

Daniel 10:1-3 *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true and it concerned a great war. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision. At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.*

Fasting Focuses Our Attention On God

- Fasting is not a means to manipulate God
- Fasting is a means by which we declare to God
- Fasting is not a stimulus-response behavior with God

Fasting Cripples The Powers Of Darkness

Mark 9:28-29 *And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, why could we not cast him out? So He said to them, this kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.*

What are the Biblical Reasons for our Fasting?

1. Fasting is done in response to the Lord speaking to us: Job 23:12
2. Fasting is for seeking after God for guidance: Acts 13:2-3
3. Fasting is for seeking God's wisdom: Daniel 9:2-7
4. Fasting breaks bondage, loosens the chains: Isaiah 58:6

What are the Biblical Reasons for our Fasting?

5. Fasting is our response to the needs of others: Psalm 35:13
6. Fasting helps us to deal with the potential dangers that come on us: Ezra 8:21
7. Fasting helps us maintain and keep open the lines of communication with God: Ezra 8:23
8. Fasting helps us to become closer to God and to sanctify ourselves before God with repentant hearts: Jonah 3:5-7

Communion

Matthew 26:26-30

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, Take this and eat it, for this is my body. And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom. Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

