

**THE PLACE OF SEX EDUCATION IN MINISTERING TO THE
TEENAGERS IN OGBOMOSO SOUTH WEST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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ABSTRACT

This study was done to find out the place of sex education in ministering to the teenagers in Ogbomosho South West Baptist Association. In order to give room for indebt and detailed study of the variables needed for research, the research was limited in scope to Ogbomosho South West Baptist Association. The purpose of the study is to address the problems of pre-marital sex among the teenagers, to assess the effect of sexual immorality on the teenagers and to examine the current responses of the church to sexual immorality among the teenagers in the local Baptist Churches. Literatures were reviewed about (i) what sex education means, (ii) the Christian views about sexual immorality (iii) the cultural view about sexual immorality (iv) the Biblical views about sexual immorality (v) the need for sex education in ministering to the teenagers (vi) the place of sex education in ministering to the teenagers. The data was collected through the questionnaire.

The research findings revealed that sex education is important to the spiritual growth of the teenagers. Also, sex is no longer seen as a sacred issue which can not be discussed in the church of God. Equally teenagers prefers asking their friends to parents about sexual matters. People have been changed positively to give sex education a rightful position in ministering to the teenagers. As a result of the said findings, the researcher made the following recommendation that will enhance sex education in ministering to the teenagers. There is need for churches to organize Seminars, Workshop, for teenagers' workers in local churches. Pastor should have it in mind that those that will be working with teenagers should have spiritual rebirth.

5:2 Conclusion

In this write up, the researcher has been able to observe that the need for sex education in ministering to the teenagers cannot be over-emphasized because teenagers show a wide variation in physical maturation and demonstrate varied attitude towards the physical changes. They also showed a wide variation in social maturation which becomes a problem because cultural and community expectations are high. Youths love pleasure and have insatiable sexual drive especially the boys. These characteristics have constituted such as big human sexuality problem to the extent that our teenagers need in our churches sex education.

Our cultural values and norms are being rapidly eroded by technological changes and mass media bombardment. Christian ethics and heritage (holiness) is now at risk among our teenagers. Unfortunately family life and sex education have not been deeply noted in ministering to teenagers in some churches.

At this stage, the adolescences are eager to know about their own development and that of opposite sex. They deserve to understand what constitute maleness and femaleness without any embarrassment.

Finally, there is a point to the fact that very soon there will be a major well-pronounced shift from age-long misinterpretation of sex to a more positive understandable attitude towards sex, and this will effect sex education in our ministering to the teenagers in Ogbomosho South West Baptist Association.

5:3 Recommendations

In order to achieve a change in the ways parents, church leaders, and church workers view and perceive sex education; the researcher after necessary discovery on this research gives the following recommendations with references to the teenagers parents, church leaders and church workers in Ogbomosho South West Baptist Association.

1. Parents should be conscious of the period when the teenagers are mostly in need of sex education. This is the period when teenagers normally question the adults. Parents should take time to study and proffer solution to these children's problem
2. Teenagers should not be ashamed of themselves to ask any questions pertaining to sex from their parents. Parents are in good position to lead them a right with guidance from God. Children should be free to their parents especially their mother's.
3. Sex education should be given priority attention if we are to mould the lives of the teenagers in our local churches. In an attempts do this, there is need for knowledgeable and understandable personnels who are to be working with teenagers in our churches. Teenagers feel like relating with persons who are ready to consider

them. The church is the appropriate place to take up sex education since it will be able to balance the equation between the moral and spiritual life.

4. Also, a number of books, pamphlets, films and tape recorded materials should be made available for use. These materials should be in-put with information on the need to abstain from pre-marital sex, effect of abortion, the wrath of God against fornicators etc.

5. There is also need for individual churches, Associations, conference and convention at large to organize seminars, workshops centered on sex education in ministering to teenagers.

6. Moreover church leaders should design a means through which attention will be given to individual children or teenagers in order to take care of individual differences.

7. There is need for church pastors to examine those who will be working with teenagers on the basis of spiritual re-birth. Any one that will be chosen to be working with teenagers must be genuely born again and have salvation experience.

8. Teachers and workers working with the teenagers should make use of language that they will understand and not using dirty language or biases one that may embarrass the teenagers. Teaching of moral and spiritual life will help the teenagers to know how to relate with opposite sex.