

THE ROLE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTERS IN CURBING MORAL LAXITY  
AMONG CHRISTIAN YOUTHS IN ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
OGBOMOSO BAPTIST CONFERENCE

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## ABSTRACT

The title of this work is, “The Role of Christian Education Minister in Curbing Moral Laxity among Christian Youths in Zion Baptist Association, Ogbomoso Baptist Conference.” This writer observed that moral laxity was common amongst youths of the above named association and it was on the increase. Individuals comprising of youths, pastors, Women Missionary Society members and Men Missionary Union members were interacted with through questionnaires which contained several statements which are relevant in obtaining information for this work. The data collected were analyzed and discussed using the simple percentile method. This study found out the possible causes and effects of moral laxity among Christian youths in the above named association, and suggested some solutions that can help the youths curb socio-moral laxities. The study concluded with the following recommendations to the youths, parents, and education ministers. The youths need to keep away from ungodly ways of life, keep away from ungodly friends, avoid wrong counselor, be modest in manner and conduct, and guide their lives jealously through God’s word. The parents should ensure that they know the company that their children keep, teach sex education at any age level, be good listeners, pay attention to their children when needed, know what interests the youths and guide them aright on how to make use of them, and show love to youth, even to the ones that they consider to be perverse. The education ministers should preach and teach God’s word to the youths, provide with counseling, create a forum of reaching out to them, organize retreats, seminars and workshop for them, involve grown-up ones in the programmes, even to those labeled as perverse, teach sex education in their programme, be good listeners and pay attention to their needs, give them opportunity to speak out, correct their mistakes in love, and advise them to keep godly company.

## 5.2 Conclusion

This study considered moral laxity that is rampant among Christian youths, the factors that contribute to moral laxity among Christian youths, the people to blame for moral laxity among the youth nowadays, and the role of Christian education minister in curbing moral laxity among youths. The Christian education minister can really influence youths in the area of curbing moral laxity, and there are benefits of curbing moral laxity among Christian youths. The field of youth ministry needs concrete

effort to reach young people where they are and bring to them Christian faith. It stressed the need for coherent and provocative thought to help youth ministers understand what they are doing and why they need to meet both needs. Speak effectively to the real concerns that young people have their friendships, their sexual identities, and their relationship with teachers, parents, and pastors and their position in the market place. One can also confront these areas in which he thinks young people do not have sufficiently-awakened consciousness in the blatant sexism of their songs, in their content for tradition and in their inability to communicate outside their cycles of friends.

We should theoretically and practically support and enrich the youth with the reasons why youth “loose the faith”, how they can be awakened to the ways they are exploited, and how they can relate to the society in which they live.

### 5.3 Recommendations

The researcher suggests that youth ministry is partly about helping youths to pay attention to the right matters and encouraging them in an appropriately skeptical consciousness about the many con artists who seek to deceive them with junk and fakery. It is easy to run trips for youths, to schedule prayer groups, to sponsor socials. But “much more difficult is the task of proposing in a compelling way human and Christian ideals by which to direct their energies for a life-time” (Warren Micheal pg 7).

In some churches “youth ministry” is a euphemism for programmes of Christian education even if they sometimes include breaks for cokes and cookies. Youth ministry is actually much broader than church education with refreshments. It is an umbrella term to describe systematic attention of the youths to a broad range of