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THE ROLES OF CHRISTIAN PARENTS  
IN THEIR CHILDREN'S  
CONVERSION EXPERIENCES

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## ABSTRACT

Children conversion experiences have been discussed by different authors. Many authors have attempted to solve the problem associated with children conversion experiences which is the age of accountability, which raises the question: At what age can children be converted?

In this study, the researcher attempted to find out the roles of Christian parents in their children's conversion experiences. In order to find answers to this question and many others, the researcher sent out forty questionnaires to randomly selected parents at the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Odo-Oru Baptist Church and Oke-Isoko Baptist Church, all in Ogbomosho.

The results revealed that a larger percentage of the respondents (86.4%) said both parents were responsible for leading their children to conversion experience. Also, it was found that 86.4% of parents agreed that children can be converted. In line with this, a larger percentage of parents said they would prefer their children to be old enough to have Christian conversion within the age range of 6-8 years followed by 11-12 years.

The research also revealed that many parents were prevented from witnessing or teaching their children because of the ignorance of how to witness, too much

familiarity with their children and the parents' type of occupation that prevent parents from performing their duty towards their children's conversion.

Also, it was reported by the respondents that as much as Christian parents desire their children to know the Lord, they must not compel them. Rather, the parents must show God's love as they relate daily with their children. Parents agreed, from the respondents that, they should teach their children always.

Based on these findings, the researcher recommends the following:

1. That Christian parents must not neglect their God-given responsibility of teaching and training their children.
2. That Christian parents must plan in such a way that they will have enough time for their children.
3. That Christian parents should lead their children to be baptized once they have accepted Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Saviour.
4. That Christian parents should not compel their children to accept Christ, but to diligently teach them the Word of God through family devotion.
5. That Christian parents should positively relate to their children in order to instill Christian values and virtues in them.

### C. CONCLUSION

This study aimed at finding out if Christian parents are playing their roles to bring about children conversion experiences. The findings revealed that most Christian



parents have been performing their duties in this regard. The results also show that a larger percentage of respondents confirm that Christian parents more than any other person, are responsible to play vital roles to bring about conversion of their children.

This could only be possible if there is cordial parent-child relationship. A child who is loved by his parent(s) would easily understand what the love of God to everybody means. The Scripture as recorded in the Gospel of John 3:16 expresses that God loves everybody.

#### D. RECOMMENDATIONS

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