

EVALUATION OF DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING MANUAL ON THE SPIRITUAL  
GROWTH OF MEMBERS OF VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH, LABI - MONIYA

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## ABSTRACT

This work evaluates the impact of discipleship manual on the spiritual growth of members of Victory Baptist Church Labi Moniya. The morale behind the project was the prevalence of social evils in the church such as quarrelling among members, fornication and adultery. In addition poor attendance of Bible study and Sunday School was the order of the day despite continuous announcement on Sundays. The methodology used for the study was the descriptive survey research method and eighty members of the church were used for the study. The data collected was analysed with the aid of t-test statistical analysis for the three numbers of research hypothesis. At the end of the analysis of the data collected, it was found that there was significant difference in the spiritual growth of those that partook in the discipleship programme and those that did not. In the light of this, it is recommended that every pastor of a local church must establish a purposeful teaching for the congregation on the need for members on the church to grow in the knowledge of the Word of God through Discipleship Training programme in the church in order to equip members for the work of the ministry and that the congregation might become more like Christ in the way they talk, act, and react to all issues of life.

## 5.2 Conclusion

In conclusion, if the discipleship training manuals are well utilized during the disciple training by the trainer and the trainees, the church and individual trainee would have the gains. The following benefits would be realized by the individuals.

- (i) Consistent spiritual growth
- (ii) Building of godly character
- (iii) Development of spiritual disciples and habits (prayer, quiet time giving etc.)
- (iv) Discovery of spiritual gifts and involvement in ministry and also.
- (v) Stewardship of possession

It is not only the individuals that would benefit, the church would also be at great advantage with the followings;

- (i) Promotion of holiness and testimony of exemplary lifestyle of member as Christ's ambassadors.
- (ii) Promotion of unity in the church
- (iii) Raising of volunteer workers and effective services.
- (iv) Creation of fellowship in the church.
- (v) Grooming of leaders and future denominational workers
- (vi) Expansion of the vision and ministry of the church and denomination,
- (vii) Promotion of effective practice of congregational system.

Of course, the church does not amuse abuse or exploit people. We raise them to become all God wants them to be in thoughts, feelings and actions

### 5.3 Recommendations

In order to be able to achieve greater impact of the use of the discipleship manual further to the experience gained in the course of the study, the followings are recommended for consideration.

- (i) It is recommended that the pastor begins a deliberate and purposeful teaching of the congregation on the need for members in the church to grow in the knowledge of the word of God.
- (ii) It is recommended that he plans discipleship emphasis Sunday or week

(iii) Having put up all logistics in place, it is also recommended that the church makes training materials available for members. If the church is not strong enough to give out the materials freely, the cost of each manual for the discipleship should be subsidized.

(iv) Finally, it is recommended that the illiterates be taken care of. There are few individuals who could not read and write at all. Something has to be done to make them enlisted for discipleship training. George Janvter suggested the followings.

- (a) Develop a discipleship relationship with them.
- (b) Teach them in their context of life.
- (c) Do more of Bible memory drill with them.
- (d) Help them reading and writing where necessary.
- (e) Do more of reading and explain to them.
- (f) Do not bother to make them buy discipleship materials unless there are pictorial editions of materials to be used.

Therefore, it is not enough to simply welcome members into the body of Christ, the church must make deliberate efforts to integrate people into the life of the fellowship of the body of Christ.