

NBTS
M. Div. III
Gb - 445

THE NIGERIAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, OGBOMOSO

PASTORAL ROLES IN REDUCING SEXUAL IMMORALITY
AMONG TEENAGERS IN
SOUTH EAST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, OGBOMOSO

AN ESSAY SUBMITTED TO:
THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
IN PARTIAL FULFILMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE AWARD OF
THE DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

2013 - 0566

BY:
GBEMINIYI ABIMBOLA ADEYERI
MATRIC NO: 08/0060
B. TH. IV

JUNE, 2012

**V.C. POOL LIBRARY
BAPTIST SEMINARY
OGBOMOSO NIGERIA**

ABSTRACT

This essay was carried out to help our Christian teenagers. The first chapter is just an introduction to the essay where purpose and relevance of the study is discussed among other things.

The second chapter focuses on the traditional, contemporary and Biblical perspective of sex. In line with this, pastors and pastoral roles are also discussed; brief history of South-East Baptist Association, Ogbomoso is also emphasized.

The third chapter comprises physiological transition from teenager to adulthood, factors of sexual immorality on teenagers, and effects of sexual immorality on Teenagers.

The forth Chapter gives the pastoral duties and roles to teenagers. The pastor should educate both parents and teenagers in order to help them have sound understanding of what human sexual life is all about from biblical perspective. The Pastor should organize Bible study for them. He should not forget to counsel with the young ones. Discipleship coupled with prayer is part of pastoral roles to reduce sexual immorality.

In the last chapter, I give the summary, conclusion of the essay and recommendations on how to reduce sexual indiscipline among teens. The whole essay is considered as the right message, which has come at the right time.

5.2 CONCLUSION

The role of pastoral leadership in the spiritual upbringing of teenagers cannot be over estimated because it has been recognized early that pastor is a spiritual parent for them when they come to church. Therefore, pastor is challenged in this work to play his or her role as regard to reducing sexual immorality. One of pastoral duties is to watch over the young people in the church because they are leaders of tomorrow. James Olawuyi stressed that “The life style of Christian teenagers must be like that of Jesus Christ, our Master (Philippians 2:5). The mind of Christ must be portrayed in all things. They are ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). They represent Christ in various places and He must be well represented.”¹⁵⁸ For the teenagers to represent Christ well, their lives must experience both moral and spiritual transformation. This is the role of a spiritual father (pastor) in the church.

The pastor should help both parents and young ones to be well grounded in the word of God and also live a holy life expected of them. The pastor in the Church should have sound teaching on biblical interpretation of sex, know God’s intending

¹⁵⁸ James Olawuyi, *Godly Friendship*, 28.

purpose for sex and also let them know the consequences of disobedience to the word of God.

5.3 RECOMMENDATION

Recommendations for this essay are of two fold; first, is the teenagers who are the main concern of this work. The second is to the pastor, parents, church and society at large.

Teenagers

Teenagers should do away with bad company because the Bible says, “bad company corrupts good character” (1 Cor. 15:33 NIV). They should keep away from ungodly ways, ungodly friends, wrong counsellors and counsel, and be modest in manner and conduct. They should always guide their lives jealously through God’s word and use their precious time for things that are beneficial. They should flee away from the evil desires of youth as stated in 2 Timothy 2:22. They should see sex as a gift from God and must be used to glorify God.

Pastor

Pastor should make the word of God the foundation of training to the teenagers, “train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6). The pastor should help both parents and adolescents to have a right perspective toward sex and let them know God’s demand from them on their responsibilities towards their children. Pastor should help to disciple the teenagers to

maturity spiritually. Also, he should teach sex education to the young people as professionals are being invited to teach them.

Parents

Parents' role in children upbringing is inevitable therefore parents must try to help their teenagers know and handle their sexual urges as normal and as natural things which must not be abused. Parents should teach their teens to be selective in choosing friends and must encourage them to identify peer pressure at any level. Parents should set a curfew hour for the teenagers when they should be indoors. Parent should be current to be able to help their young people with valuable information. Parent should provide for the needs of their children.

Church

The church should employ the programme of leadership training, to train leaders on how best to deal with the issue. The church should also produce documents which will spell out the reality of the problem and the danger it carried. Apart from the well known Baptist Programmes of the WMU, and MMU, there may be a forum for the unmarried people (Bachelor and Spinster) where premarital life is discussed. The church should help parents to grow spiritually. The Church should refocus the society to the direction of promoting Christian moral values.

Society

The society should teach young people standard moral way of life, norms and culture that can guide them against sexual immorality. The adults in the society should live and exemplary life. It is very important that the society should kick against those lustful advertisements on internet, T. V., radio and magazines through

Law enforcement agents. Public library been furnished with books or materials that can help them handle their sexual urges should be provided by the society and they should be encouraged to study them. The society should educate young ones how to use their precious time judiciously.