

DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUTHS OF VICTORY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN  
LAGOS WEST BAPTIST CONFERENCE

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## ABSTRACT

Drug abuse is a cankerworm that has eating deep into the fabrics of the Nigeria society, especially, in Lagos State and all categories of people including the Youths of Victory Baptist Association, Lagos. Among the causes of drug abuse are peer pressure from fellow youths, ignorance, and indiscriminate use of drugs and problem of life. The consequences of drug abuse in untimely death and destabilization of families. Questionnaire guide and oral interview were used to elicit information on the causes and effects of drug abuse on youth. The findings reveal that pastoral intervention and counseling will help in reducing the menace. The regular teaching and preaching on dangers of the drug abuse will also add value to the reduction of youth involvement in the act. Church can also mobilize the youth to campaign against the addiction on drug abuse. Victory Baptist Association can also organize crusades and other antidrug and alcohol programs. Community leaders should also be mobilized to proffer solution to this menace. Likewise Church should be prayerful in a bid to fight against drug addiction.

## 5.2 Conclusion

Drug abuse is a global phenomenon and it is real in the contemporary African society especially among the youth in Victory Baptist Association. Drug in itself is a curative agent in the human body its positive usage builds human hormones against strange and unwanted organism that can damage the organs in the body. The attitudes of the contemporary youth toward the use of drug need a serious attention because they are been mis-guided and distracted toward the use of drug. This has lead to all manners of

abuses and misconception of drug addictions and the use of drug. The Church leaders, health workers, government and NGOs must rise up to the challenges of their professional responsibilities by adequately teaching and exposing the youth to biblical ethical and social dangers of drug abuse.

There is the need to identify the proper place and the use of drug to avoid drug abuse and addiction among the youth and children in the society. It is a call to guide our children and youth through healthy family life styles and proper perspective of Christian virtues. Every family must learn how to raise their wards through a dignifying future minded characters and relationship that will facilitate the understanding of the use of any drug at any point in time. Drug addiction is deceit that must be overcome by the truth of God's word and the support of His people. Drug abuse and addictions can be curtail, control or prevented in the society if the Christian youth and the Church improve the awareness and the government channel the drug and its use into appropriate quarter.

## 5.2 Recommendations

In the light of the findings of this researcher that drug addiction is curable and preventable, the following recommendations are made.

One, that preventive program that involves the family, schools communities, and the media should be organized to reduce drug abuse and addictions. It is necessary, therefore to help youth and the general public to understand the risks of drug abuse through their teachers, parents and health care professionals to keep sending the message that drug addiction can be prevented if a person never abuses it.

Two, that sick people and patients should be made to produce medical prescription sheet on drugs from recognized private, mission and government hospitals