

PROSTITUTION AND SEX TRAFFICKING AMONG THE YOUTHS: A  
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## ABSTRACT

Youths are the glory and pride of church and society. Youthful stage is very important which must be used assiduously. God created man in his own image to reveal his glory and worship him. It is unfortunate today that the rate of sex trafficking and prostitution among the youths is alarming. God the creator of heaven and earth desires that every youth should fear and reverence him. However, sex trafficking and prostitution is daily increasing among the youths which damaged the societal uprightness and brought reproach on the church. The deadly consequences of prostitution and sex trafficking among the youths in Ogbomoso brought about this study. Therefore, this study: prostitution and sex trafficking among the youths and its challenges to Ogbomoso Baptist Conference examined biblical teaching against prostitution and sex trafficking, contemporary views of sex trafficking and prostitution. This study is empirical in nature and the researcher employed questionnaire to carry out the work. The researcher made use of stratified random sampling to select sample from twenty two local Baptist churches of the conference. Data were collected and analyzed through simple percentile method. The study revealed that, prostitution and sex trafficking exist among the youths of Ogbomoso Baptist Conference. The menace makes some youths, to be victims of ritual killing, sexual transmitted diseases and other tragic consequences. The menace is eroding sexual purity in the society. It affects the church, evangelistic work, and societal value. On the basis of this, it was recommended among other that, Christian youths should fear God. This will make them to see their bodies as God's temple that must not be defile with sex trafficking and prostitution. The church should emphasis biblical injunction on youth's sexual purity to immorality among them.

## 5.2 CONCLUSION

God made man in his own image to worship him and reveal his glory. However, man committed sin and alienated from God. This brings about social vices exist in the society today. It is imperative for every Christian to obey God's moral obligations. It is unfortunate today that some youths in Ogbomoso abused the grace of God and indulged in prostitution and sex trafficking. Prostitution and sex trafficking is real in Ogbomoso and other contexts with devastating effects.

The study revealed that the outcomes of prostitution and sex trafficking are destructives and morally corrupt. The menace brings reproach on the church and damage society uprightness. The victims of the menace suffer pain, shame and sometimes experience premature death. The Bible condemns prostitution and sex trafficking and disgusts God. There is no moral and social justification for any youths in Ogbomoso to be involved in prostitution and sex trafficking. Every youth should see his or her body as God's holy temple which must be kept pure.

The reality of prostitution and sex trafficking in Ogbomoso poses challenges to local Baptist churches at Ogbomoso Baptist Conference. It is high time for church to intensify their efforts in teaching and preaching against the menace among the youths both in the rural areas and Ogbomoso township. This will forestall the prevalence of prostitution and sex trafficking that is destroying the lives of many youths today and even brings reproach to church of God. The conference leaders, pastors and individual members of local Baptist churches in Ogbomoso Baptist Conference should be God's mouth and hand to curb the menace.



### 5.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

The work has examined prostitution and sex trafficking among the youths with attached consequences which are destructive. In the light of this, the following recommendations are provided with the hope that if properly and strictly implemented, prostitution and sex trafficking among the youths in Ogbomoso Baptist Conference and other contexts will be curbed if not totally eradicated.

#### Youths

1. Christian youths should fear God. This will make them to see their bodies as God's temple that must not be defiled with sex trafficking and prostitution.
2. Christian youths should be careful of films and movies they watch. They should guide their lives from the moral corruption of mass media.
3. Every youth should be contented with what they have and flee from love of money and worldly passion.

#### Church

1. The church should teach and preach sound word of God against prostitution and sex trafficking. Discipleship should also be emphasized which characterized by obedience, submission, purity, dedication Christian service and godliness.
2. The church should emphasis biblical injunction on youth sexual purity to curb immorality among them.
3. Church should provide effective and productive counseling services for the youths. The local Baptist Churches should also provide counseling service to the victims of this menace for restoration and rehabilitation.
4. Church should restore and rehabilitate the youths who are victims of sex trafficking and prostitution.

5. The church should identify the social, emotional, mental and physical needs of the youths and draw up interactive forum through which their views could be heard and provide them solutions.

#### Parents

1. Every parent should pay attention to his or her children and instruct them the way of God.
2. Parents should be exemplary to their children.
3. They should provide sex education in the context of bible to their children.

#### Government

1. Government should enforce law against prostitution and sex trafficking.
2. She should provide free education for the youths.
3. Government should provide employment opportunities for the youths.