

STRATEGIES OF CHURCH INVOLVEMENT IN BUSINESS INVESTMENT
A CASE STUDY OF OGBOMOSO NORTH-WEST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this project work is to examine the strategies of churches involvement in Business Investment, using Ogbomoso North West Baptist Association as a case study.

In order to do this effectively and successfully 100 copies of questionnaire were made available to the respondents distributed to ten churches, out of which five of the churches were analyzed with the use of statistical table of variances and percentage. The Research made use of data collection technique, which included the use of questionnaire, observation and interview method.

The findings show that there is a need of enlightenment for the leaders so as to meet the church needs, which are also buttered by the command of Jesus Christ as regards evangelism and discipleship of the people.

Among the major recommendations made is that churches officers including pastors should be given the opportunity to attend seminars, workshops and conferences in order to be updated on how church investment can be managed

5.1 CONCLUSION

A main objective of this research is to educate the church on the strategy of church involvement in business investment. To shed more light on how the church or members of the church can be involved in business investment, which of course will enhance the ways of generating income for the financial strength of the church. The research also views it as enlightening opportunity for churches to properly manage God's resources.

The Church must serve as eye opener by the Spirit of God through divine guidance for divine location and maintaining the presence of God by having a team spirit with prudence management to fulfill God's purpose.

5.2 Recommendations

In view of the findings of this long essay as well as the discussions on them. The following recommendations are stated.

- A. The churches' officers including pastors should be given the opportunity to attend seminars, workshops and conferences in order to be updated on how church investment can be managed.
- B. It is imperative to carry out feasibility studies before embarking on church investment.
- C. There should be laid down procedures to follow when setting up church investment.

- D. There is need for enlightenment of churches from the conferences and associational level, if the churches will not be deprived of the benefits accruing on investments.
- E. It is essential for investments to have management board among which an expert should be included for proper annexing of church resources.