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ABSTRACT

A Survey of Pragmatism in Servant Leadership among Royal Ambassadors in Ogbomoso South-West Baptist Association is an effort of the researcher to unravel the question of whether servant leadership as a concept is understood or not among the Royal Ambassadors, and to see whether it is consequently pragmatic or not. In view of this, materials were reviewed on pragmatism, leadership, servant leadership, and Biblical teachings on servant leadership. It was discovered that pragmatism, a philosophical concept, was actively demonstrated by Jesus Christ, as the research shows that Jesus' life and ministry is an excellent and perfect example of servant leadership. Copies of designed questionnaire (100 copies) with respect to the attributes of servant leadership were distributed in ten (10) randomly selected Baptist churches in Ogbomoso South-West Baptist Association among ten (10) people per church, consisting of the church pastor, four (4) RA members, and five (5) other members of the church. Simple calculation of percentages of data was used together with tables where necessary after a duly collection of data. The research shows that servant leadership is understood and evidently pragmatic among the RA with 0.767 being the P value from the T-test conducted.

5.2 CONCLUSION

The research was carried out mainly to clear the doubts of the researcher concerning the understanding of the term *Servant Leadership* among the Royal Ambassador and to know whether the concept is being practiced or not, if it is understood at all. It has become an established fact, by virtue of the analysis carried out, that servant leadership is well understood by members of Royal Ambassador and it is practiced among them, at least to the best of their knowledge.

Though the findings of the research did not show that the understanding and practice is 100%, it is evident that the percentage is reasonable enough to conclude that servant leadership is understood and functional among Royal Ambassador Members in Ogbomoso South-West Baptist Association.

5.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.3.1 It is of paramount importance for the reader to note the following recommendations for future work on this subject:
- a. Individual leader in RA could be focused to discover whether that leader is a pragmatic servant leader. This implies that future research should not consider RA leadership under an entity but rather individually.
- b. Questionnaire for this kind of research should be more probing in the sense that vague questions should be avoided.
- 5.3.2 It is also of paramount importance for Ogbomoso South-West Baptist Association to note the following recommendations to help improve pragmatism in servant leadership among leaders in various capacities in the church:
- a. Christians who are interested in having leadership responsibilities need to maintain intimate fellowship with Jesus Christ.

- b. Christians need to emulate Christ in their dealings with people in the world -outside the church.
- c. Christians need to daily develop Christ's character as they grow spiritually.
- d. Christians need to rely on the indwelling and enabling power of the Holy
 Spirit.
- e. Christians need to be more honest to God, people and their responsibilities.
- f. Christians need to be more willing to sacrifice self interest or selfish ambition for the good of the church of God.