

DECENCY AND AVOIDANCE OF MORAL BANKRUPTCY:

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SPIRITUAL LEGACY

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ABSTRACT

Features of immorality emanating from Nigerian society shows that the main fabric of up rightness has broken down in our society. Some of the terrible immoral behaviours prevailing in Nigerian higher institutions and their spiritual educational and national implication are discussed in this paper. Suggestions are made as to how to revamp these nauseating situation especially the need for our ladies to fear and submit themselves to the will of God.

Introduction

Nigeria is presently passing through a period of moral degeneration. Corruption is sweeping swiftly through the whole nation. While some other academic related and social vices are perpetrated in our tertiary level of education. Man, and of course God, are not happy about the sadning situation that is why this programmed is organized as means of addressing these perennial immoral problems. One of the causes of these problems is the gross negligence of the spiritual development of Nigerian youths. Since man is said to be both physical and spiritual that is biological and spiritual paying undue attention to the physical aspect of his/her development while the spirited aspect in neglected is highly detrimental to the overall development and peace of the nation. (Plato)

Nigerian society today shows a great departure from what is recommended by God for human race. Ladies are expected to live, dress and conduct themselves modestly either at home, school and anywhere they find themselves. But alas! The opposite is the case today. What is displayed is half-nakedness, prostitution and the like. There is the need to go back to the societal norms and the spiritual legacies that helped to preserve the moral and spiritual fabric of our society in the past

Before we go on to consider some features of indecency in Nigerian tertiary institutions, we shall briefly consider some concepts used in the body of this paper.

Decency:

This simply refers to behaviours that are acceptable. That is, behaviours that are in agreement with the social-moral standards of the society.

Morality

This has to do with how best to behave, that is, acceptable standards laid down as norms expected of all and sundry in any society (Longman 1995)

Bankruptcy

This refers to total lack of a particular good quality.

Moral bankruptcy

This refers to lack of good moral and acceptable behaviour.

Exhibition of moral bankruptcy in Nigerian tertiary institutions

Moral and social vices displayed in Nigerian tertiary institution are innumerable. Some of the social vices include, wearing of provocative dresses by female students who parade around the campuses. Cases of cultism continued to

feature in the dailies while examination malpractices are still carried out through diverse devil-designed strategies. All these are still very much prevalent. Decency in all ramifications is no longer the order of the day in our institutions of learning. Students are still heavily involved in examination malpractice because of:

- Inadequate preparations for examinations
- Laziness
- Liaise fair attention paid to their studies.
- Fear of failure. Some students do not even believe in their ability to do well.

While some are scared of the paper of the lecture and as a result of this, they find it difficult to read and comprehend fully what has been taught. In an effort to prevent failure they go into cheating in examination.

- Many of Nigerian students have also turned themselves into wild animals who devour other animals and eat them up. Cultists are men killers, they kill and drink blood. Several innocent lives are wasted in our campuses. Aftermath of some of these moral and social vices for promiscuity for promiscuity, premarital sex, pregnancy and abortion and loss of life through abortion.

One can contract some of the sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS syphilis and other sex related diseases. One can get worn out, looking haggard and drained at one's prime age. One will become distasteful to God, since God abhors indecency in all ramifications Number 22 :13-21 presents God's attitude to immorality especially fornication. According to that passage, anybody married but found to have been disvirgined is to be stoned to death. Examination malpractice

Rev 21 affirmed the eternal judgment and punishment prepared for all immoral individuals. Proverb 1:10-19 speaks on the need to stay away from all forms of cheating. Hence, examination malpractice which is also known as cheating in examination is heavenly condemned.

Cultism: is of the darkness and darkness is equated with the devil. Since all activities of the darkness emanate from the devil and are evil in all ramification, they are anti-Christ in nature. They are equally working against the injunctions of God and man. Whatever is not transparently displayed before God and man is hated by God and such will receive condemnation and rejection from God here on earth and eternally (1 John 1-2).

How to promote decency and avoid moral bankruptcy (spiritual approach) The best way out of the myriad moral bankruptcy is to; Fear God, accept Him into our lives and live to please Him, confess all immoral acts already carried out to God, ask for mercy and forgiveness from Him.

Ask for God's grace to overcome all temptation to go into immorality or indecent acts. God's grace makes it possible for man to do and act according to the will of God no matter how fierce the temptation may be. Discipline and build up your mind through the study of God's word and prayers unceasingly. Pattern your lives after the morally applauded women of the bible. Follow after their steps (I Peter3:1-7).

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Be determined to live acceptable life before God and close your eyes completely to cultism, promiscuity, examination malpractices etc. Your failure to comply with God's moral standard can lead to untimely death as earlier stated which will not urgur well for you at the end of the day.

Conclusion

Ladies of college of education, Ilorin, we want you to live decently. Gyration about, flirting, indecent dressing, examination malpractice, cultism and all vices should be shunned. The repercussions are many and are detrimental to your progress and acceptability before God that is why this programme has been organized. It is all for your good, that of your family, and the nation at large. Undoubtedly, polluted ladies will likely give birth to polluted children and the boomerang effects are unlimited. Be good ladies, decent, law abiding and submit your selves to the will of God and it will be well with you.

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