

PASTORAL COUNSELING TO PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN PROMISCUITY

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Abstract

Parents have full responsibility for their children, but the circumstances of the times are always changing influenced by technological advances and all its effects, so that children can be out of control because parents are busy, circumstances can vary, maybe rich parents with good business for finance, but attention to children lags behind, this can make children seek attention elsewhere, or look for people who can love themselves. Likewise, from parents with a mediocre economy or even less, the situation can have a similar effect, although it is possible that from the two economic conditions there are many who are harmonious and successful. The release of parental control can make children plunge into promiscuity, the purpose of this study is to provide understanding to parents who have experienced various things about children who hang out freely.

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I. Introduction.

Currently promiscuity is a form of social phenomenon that is very important and must be considered by all levels of society. The foremost thing is that parents must consistently provide teaching about character and education regularly and attentively, especially so that children who are approaching adolescence or puberty do not fall into promiscuity, because children at a certain age always feel curious and want to try something new (Kurniawan, 2019), not only that, parents should be friends or good friends for their children, so that children can be frank with their problems, even their personal circumstances will be fully open, because parents become close friends where the child complains about his personality. (Durachman & Zaki Al Fuad, 2020)

If the actions of parents who play the role of being close friends can function properly, then the child will have the best place to overcome all his problems. But if the parents cannot be the closest person, the child may try to get someone else to fill the role of the closest person, and if the child chooses the wrong person, then here it can be said as the beginning of the misguidance. It can be summed

up that a very lack of attention from parents will be one of the causes of promiscuity to occur, but that's not all, there are still several things related to the origin of free hanging on. This can affect anyone ranging from low education, inharmonious families, inadequate family environmental and financial conditions, internet abuse and drug abuse, free sex.(Susanti, 2019)

Responding to several things as the initial cause of this promiscuity, it can be provided to provide a better understanding of parents in carrying out first warnings. To find out early on a child's behavior and attitudes, it is necessary to know some of the signs of promiscuity, and its negative effects from various locations. To find out the causes of promiscuity among adolescents, it is necessary to first describe what is meant by promiscuity.

Promiscuity, is a kind of social disorder/deviation beyond the limits of regulations, obligations, and norms of demands that exist in social life. This means that promiscuity can be translated as a deviation from all norms that apply in society. The occurrence of promiscuity in adolescents is influenced by various factors. Starting from an unstable mental state, feelings of disappointment that require an outlet, family conditions, and the inability of adolescents to understand and apply applicable social norms. That way, it is important for parents to give good attention and assistance to their children. If this role can be fulfilled, then the child has a good place to tell the various problems he is experiencing.

If intensive observations are made and it turns out that there are some behaviors and habits that deviate from their good habits, lack of concentration, floating thinking, if asked as if they are empty, their views are empty, then it is possible that the teenager has entered into promiscuity, and these are signs promiscuity which is likely to have been lived by the child as a real example of the attitude and behavior of the child who has deviated.

II. Research Methods

This study was conducted by using a descriptive qualitative approach.(Zaluchu, 2020) Researcher received input from books and journals related to pastoral counseling assistance, as well as journals and literature that reveal promiscuity and its effects so as to draw conclusions about procedures for counseling parents who have problems counseling their children. who fall into promiscuity. The author also responds to

various events that occur, both those that occur in the environment of parents who are sufficient and parents who are in need, who come from a slum environment or from among parents who look safe where there is a hidden relationship outside of parental education, the consequences of which will be fatal in the future. Omission can occur for certain reasons so that this needs to be addressed in the right way, the Bible's recommendation gives the right picture as an example of life that needs to be done.

III. Results and Discussion

Researcher found that promiscuity actually has a tendency to start from within the household, which slowly goes out and looks for calm or something that entertains oneself, vents, as a result of conditions in the household that are not harmonious. This continues outside the home in an effort to seek compensation from the fatigue of life, inhibiting factors for resilience/resilience/toughness of children from mothers of survivors of Domestic Violence in the context of learning achievement, namely the occurrence of domestic violence, negative support from neighbors, loss of father figures, and negative peer interaction.(Jafar, 2019)

What really should be pursued to get adequate results is counseling the parents, providing spiritual assistance and guidance step by step so that parents do not feel new pressures from outside the home. Many cases of child abuse occur due to economic factors, conflicts between parents, busy parents working outside the home that lead to neglect and so on, this kind of thing can make children experience stress, trauma, despair, aloofness, fall into delinquency, juvenile delinquency such as drugs, free sex and even suicidal thoughts after acts of violence.(Zulamri, 2019)

The Bible explains the consequences of sin that causes people to become evil. The Bible has recorded this, the Bible describes that family problems began when Adam felt guilty for eating the fruit of knowledge and accused Eve of being the accused (Genesis 3:12). Then jealousy between brothers in the incident Cain killed Abel (Genesis 4:8), Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers. Also the negative consequences of polygamy are in the story of Hannah, Leah and Rachel. Eli and Samuel clash with a rebellious son, then Jonathan is almost killed by his father, Saul. David was hurt by the attitude of his son Absalom, as well as Hosea who received difficulties in his marriage. All of these cases are because they are tainted by sin.

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Service Plan

The counselor plans a program to approach children's parents, provide assistance to parents for their cases, in this case children who fall into promiscuity will later be handled by a counselor appointed in planning, this is if it has been agreed by both parties. In carrying out inclusion for parents, each counselor is expected to develop a mentoring plan by conducting consultations (Theodore A. Stern, 2010) first to the parents. Stern explained about this consultation *“Suicidal ideation should be evaluated on an urgent basis, Finally, children who are engaging in risky behaviours (e.g., substance abuse, promiscuity, fighting, reckless driving) should referred for consultation.*

Because it can contain conditions that endanger the child or the good name of his parents, it is a mental disorder, the cause of which is parental upbringing, parental factors. Poor parent-child relationships make them feel less cared for.

This will make the child feel frustrated and out of the house, like his peers, in the group of young people who are addicted to drugs and are brought into promiscuity, keeping children away from home and school. (Siti Rahmi, 2021) Also favoritism, domestic fights, violence in all family members, excessive indulgence, even though it's actually toxic to children. (Utomo, n.d.)

In pastoral care, the role of the counselor is the pastor or a mentor who has a theological education background, and the basic foundation for providing pastoral counseling is the Word of God. Meanwhile, planning for pastoral counseling for parents of children must be planned and made based on reports from the counselee or parents and services from the local local Child Rights Protection Agency, so that all activity steps can be carried out smoothly.

Starting from those who need help, have various backgrounds and problems, so that it is not possible to only do one profession or one person, this

experience according to Aart Van Beek gave rise to the term “assistance.”(Aart Van Beek, 2017)

With the term mentoring, the relationship between the mentor and the person being accompanied has a balanced and reciprocal position, “but the companion has more facilities than the person being accompanied, which is healthier, has skills or expertise and so on.”(Aart Van Beek, 2017) It is also necessary to have conversations with child protection administrators and parents so that all issues are clearly understood.

Things to do

1. Identify the counselee's problems, regarding the background of the problem what is going on, to ensure that counseling is needed.
2. Arrange a meeting, according to mutual agreement to do counseling, can be taken at the office, the time ranges from 1 hour for 1 counselee.
3. Determine the mentoring period for a certain time.
4. The counselee prepares matters that need to be discussed with the Pastoral counselor.

Accompaniment.

Counselors provide assistance according to the agreed time, or until the problem is resolved, by monitoring, or periodically asking the condition of the parents and children who are the problem. Every time the counselor does pastoral counseling always includes God, this face-to-face service is called the trialog concept which is emphasized by Hendri Wijayatsih: “The trialog concept makes the companions aware that they have an equal relationship (not top down) with the person they are accompanying. Both the counselor and the counselee are under the auspices of the Great Shepherd.”(Wijayatsih Hendri, 2011)

In counseling that includes God is appropriate according to Thurneysen:

“The pastoral counselor is the bearer and mediator of the message of forgiveness. He acts not in his own strength and judgment but as one who is called. In order to do so, he himself must be rooted in the Word and the church and live from faith in forgiveness. He shall not bind men to himself, but to the Lord of the church by leading them to the Word and by continually praying for them.(Eduard Thurneysen, 1962) He stated that a pastoral counselor must be rooted in God's word and full of forgiveness, this is the main thing because the whole event that makes their children

fall for is parents, in Proverbs 29:17 it says: "Train up your child, and he will give you rest and bring you joy."

A pastoral counseling assistant must build a good relationship with his counselee because the counseling he does is a form of conducive dialogue guidance with a sense of understanding and giving constructive responses, but by viewing the Bible as an absolute standard of truth to assess his behavior and needs to achieve life goals. that the counselee aspires to with a measure of what he can do. Because it is possible that parents believe that their children's promiscuity is the result of them hanging out freely, so they blame themselves, or a woman who miscarried while pregnant and felt that it was the result of her past promiscuity, Fosarelli stated that the child's mistakes sometimes become the thought that it is the law of karma because in the past parents also got along freely, even though the fault was not there, it was all due to a lack of education in the family, and the lack of closeness in the relationship between children and parents, he said:

For example, a woman who had a sexually transmitted disease during her wilder college years might attribute her miscarriage to punishment for her sexual promiscuity. A man who pressured his former girlfriend to obtain an abortion might feel that God is " getting even" with him. Both men and women can attribute loss during pregnancy, at birth, or after birth to marital indiscretions.(Patricia D, 2003)

Pastoral.

"Pastoral term. Derived from the Latin "pastor" and in Greek "poimen." So pastoral ministry can also be referred to as Poimenika or Pastoral Service (Pastoralia)." So pastoral is a pastoral ministry by a church leader who actively provides guidance to each congregation, because the purpose of pastoral care is for the congregation of Jesus Christ to be built and to know his calling so that the congregation becomes alive, like a city on a mountain (Matt. 5:14-16). Directly ecclesiastical life is the duty of a pastor who must be a shepherd for the congregation. According to Beek: "This term is associated with the ministry of Jesus Christ and His work as the "True Pastor" or "Good Shepherd" (John 10).¹

Pastoral ministry is a pastoral ministry that is carried out to members of the church. Ezekiel 34:16, records of shepherding duties, namely: "I will seek out the lost, I will bring back the lost, I will bandage the wounded, I will strengthen the sick, and protect the fat and strong; I will shepherd them as I should." The pastoral

¹(Aart Van Beek, 2017)10

understanding focuses on the pastoral perspective on all activities and functions of the Church and pastors, if the theological conclusions are drawn from the reviews carried out, then this pastoral understanding is always related to pastoral care in church services, the church has a leader who is also referred to as a pastor, but pastoral counseling is very important. needed because the shepherd not only preached but went directly to the field is very necessary.(Purba & S., 2020)

This was stated by Jesus himself in John 21:15-1 After breakfast Jesus said to Simon Peter: "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than them?" Peter answered Him, "Yes, Lord, You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." This verse explains that everyone can perform the function of pastoral ministry which is of course adapted to his talent or vocation. Pastoral is the task of pastoral ecclesiastical, this explains that pastoral is a task among Christians.

Counseling

The understanding of counseling according to the Big Indonesian Dictionary is: "The provision of guidance by an expert to someone using psychological methods and related matters; briefing; providing assistance by the counselor to the counselee in such a way that the understanding of one's own abilities increases in solving various problems. (Ebta Setiawan, 2022)

Christian counseling is a process where the counselor helps the counselee by building relationships and trust in the counselee, however, only when there is a deep affinity for one another can one enable growth in one's life. only people who have found new life within themselves can become experts in spiritual care, helping the birth of new life in others and the church. So Christian counseling is a way used by counselors in providing assistance to members who are led to get through the problems that are being faced by their members.

From the story of Moses who was advised by Jethro, it can be understood that counseling is also entrusted to everyone who has superior criteria to help counseling work like Moses did. Therefore, in counseling behind the art of good listening, the counselee believes that it is useful to explore the nature of his experiences and perceptions about his situation and why it is happening in his family, this awareness will direct his thoughts and admit his mistakes in educating his children.

Counselor Communication with the child's parents.

Counselors carry out balanced conversations, not patronizing or giving harsh advice, but communicating to the same level as parents about the causes of children falling without judging parents so that a conducive conversation occurs.(Chandra, 2015), the conversation is listening to parents' stories and inserting humor, paying attention to gestures, in this case the counselor will get very meaningful input about the occurrence of children falling into promiscuity. After the parents realized and were not offended, willing to accept input, then the counselor gave some responses regarding the causes of promiscuity.

The counselor communicates with parents that everything that has happened can start with arguments and maybe violence occurs in the household, the child sees and affects the child's mental state, the child's behavior becomes unstable, embarrassed to relate to the environment. In doing many things, children sometimes do not think twice about choosing associations. Messages or advice from parents are very rare or almost never exist, so that character education almost never occurs in the family. Moreover, the family's financial factor is so lacking that it is insufficient, as a result the children drop out of school. Lack of attention from parents makes children act freely, coupled with a bad environment, slums, lots of drunks, gamblers, prostitution around them give various bad effects. The internet is there to access pornographic films, so children with unstable mental conditions try it out. Children are vulnerable to psychological disorders, hate their parents, easily get bad influences from their environment.(Massa et al., 2020)

Furthermore, the counselor also communicates about promiscuity and its impact on children, to give an idea of the dangers of it, and by understanding the signs that cause promiscuity.(Elvahra, 2020) in adolescents and what will happen, parents are given an explanation that:

- Teenagers can have free sex and result in pregnancy out of wedlock and the risk of venereal disease.
- Teenagers can consume drugs to have an impact on the physical and mental to cause death.
- There can be criminal behavior in teenagers such as mugging, robbery, theft, and even murder.

- Adolescents who engage in promiscuity can commit mortal sins in the eyes of God.
- Teenagers engage in deviant behavior, so they are not confident enough to contact family, friends, and even isolate themselves from society.

In taking this communication the counselor must pay attention to loving both parents of children with full empathy. Counselor empathy is the ability to understand what others feel and think which is an important skill in the counseling process.(Amalia, 2019) The impact is that parents feel they have a place to pour out their hearts and all their thoughts about their families. To the point where they ask for advice or a way out of their problems that are so heavy the counselor gives advice and reminds parents with advice for parents related to their problems, such as: "And you, fathers, do not arouse anger in your heart. the hearts of your children, but educate them in the teachings and counsel of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4)

Pastoral Counseling Assistance.

After it is agreed on the time for mentoring and it is agreed by both parties, the counselor begins pastorally to do spiritual strengthening, faith building, maybe also involve in ministry after they are strong, and this is family therapy that will strengthen the parent figure in navigating the harsh life that is difficult. befall their children. Parents are given a view about the influence of education on children, which will shape the character of the child to adulthood, because the basis for the formation and development of adolescent personality starts from the participation of parents or a strong family, will provide the ability for adolescents to deal with various stimuli that can destabilize a teenager's personality.(Sanjaya, 2018)

In the book of Deuteronomy 6:6-9 it is stated: "What I command you today you must pay attention to, you must teach it again and again to your children and talk about it when you sit in your house, when you are traveling, when you lie down and when you wake up. You shall also tie it as a sign on your hand and it shall be a symbol on your forehead, and you shall write it on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates." This was also expressed by Donalo that by referring to the teachings of the Bible which teaches children to always obey God's Word through parents who creatively listen and apply the teachings of the Old Testament recitation 6:6-9 as a role play method so that children are fast. understand and grasp the meaning of the teaching.(Donnalo, 2020)

Pastoral counseling assistance that is carried out for parents of children who fall into promiscuity should be periodically monitored to find out their progress by the appointed counselor, because children who are free grow up in an abnormality in the age of seeking identity, who do not get full affection from other people. parents will be vulnerable to outside influences. And to deal with this problem the church as a spiritual tool from God, the church that shepherds the sheep has the task of restoring mentality, psychology, and other negative influences experienced by children. So it is very important to develop mentoring methods that give strength to be applied by spiritual leaders.

Pastoral care is a human action in accompanying pastoral care, thus, pastoral care is a conscious action that goes beyond instinctive tendencies as humans. Pastoral Care (Pastoral Care) is applicable in a church community. The purpose of this assistance is to actualize God's love in the life of the community of faith. The form of pastoral assistance in the life of the community of faith can be in the form of: Preaching with a certain style related to parental counseling, or diaconal services that lead to help and inner support to continue the purity of the Lord Jesus' ministry to the world, also by conducting regular visits to parents. From pastoral assistance, it has developed to be carried out further into a special form of assistance called counseling(Wijayatsih Hendri, 2011), Pastoral Counseling is a converging dialogue service to help people in crisis to be able to see clearly the crisis they are facing with the hope that the parent will be able to find possible solutions to the crisis they are facing in their own strength. Because parents also have to give a child a chance to mature, Sanders adds:

“particularly when the child is demonstrating rebelliousness. In such cases, therapists will need to reassure parents that they have legitimate authority, but also challenge them to use that authority to empower their children toward maturity, rather than simply hold on to as much control as possible. It can be useful to remind parents that their children will eventually have full decision-making power for themselves and that it is better to make some mistakes while still under their parents' care. It may also help to work with the parents to determine which treatment decisions are appropriate for the child or adolescent to participate in and which should be determined by the adults alone.”(Randolf K. Sanders, 1997)

Here it is clearly said that it is very useful to provide input to parents that children will also take a stand for their maturity so as not to make mistakes in the future, this is what is to be achieved in pastoral counseling for parents of troubled children, the

main responsibility of parents as the authority in the family as the most important controlling the whole order and purpose of the family.

CONCLUSION

Pastoral counseling for parents of children who are involved in promiscuity has a strong importance in their recovery, as well as pastoral intervention has a great contribution to mental improvement, attitudes and character of children. Through the intervention of the pastoral ministry, parents are first restored to be able to control the situation and accept their child's situation again lovingly, to be able to discuss warmly like a normal family. Because violence or anger will not be able to bring the child's consciousness back directly. Recovery, especially for parents, will have a direct impact on children who fall into promiscuity, not only outside counselors or psychologists, but pastoral counseling assistance is needed that spiritually strengthens input from outside the family, so that parents realize their role as representatives of God in the world and can accept their children, back into the family.

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