

TEENS AND TRANSACTIONAL SEX/PROSTITUTION

This is a situation where by youth sells their body for money. This is in form of prostitution or transactional sex. There are teenage boys and girls who are prostitutes or engage in transactional sex who is in school and out of school. Some of them start as early as 13 years of age and many learn through friends.

Prostitution is where one directly sells their body for money. While transactional sex is where by one is in a relationship of exchanging benefits i.e. one gives their body and another gives money or tangible gifts.

They do it to:

- Desire for more money to meet their needs i.e. clothes
- To fit in groups

Once they start the habit it is very difficult to stop because they are used to getting money quickly.

Consequences:

- Higher chances of dropping out of school
- HIV/STD'S
- Crisis pregnancy, aborting and its consequences
- Loss of self-worth and value
- Erosion of godly values about work, money and family
- Shame and guilt
- Rejection by friends/relatives
- Spiritual bondages

Facts

- Prostitution and transactional sex are a sin against God and your own body.

- The person who does it reaches a time of feeling helpless and of no value due to defiling their body.

Thought for life:

God loves you and our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, when used for sexual immorality, God cannot dwell in it. The love of money is the source of all evil, we should learn to be content with what we have and work in the right way to earn them.

If you have been involved in transactional/prostitution, God can forgive you if you repent and turn from never doing it again.

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for loving me. Please forgive me for the actions I have been doing. I pray that your blood will wash me and make me clean. I pray that you will also break the habit of prostitution /fornication that have been doing. Please give me strength to stop and develop new healthy habits. Give me the strength to be content with my life. Thank you. Amen.