

YOUTH WITH MONEY

All of us desire to have money because we can use it to buy almost everything that we need. So many youth will do all things possible (good/bad) to see to it that they get the money with reasons to:

- Meet their needs e.g. School fees, scholastic materials, clothing, help siblings
- Fit in a group especially if friends they have are from rich families
- Have rich friends, most rich people identify with rich people
- To show off
- Have fun

Some bad ways of earning money are:

- Not paying school fees so use it to have fun or buy flashy things
- Cheating
- Stealing property from home and school
- Lying to parents about trips, increased school fees
- Prostitution
- Borrowing money, clothes, shoes, phones
- Have sugar mummies and daddies
- Engage in illegal business e.g. sale of drugs

They have therefore got so many problems, which include:

- Loss of focus on education which has led to poor performance or dropping out of school
- Crisis pregnancy and its consequences
- Imprisonment
- Loss of trust
- Loss of friendship

You choose today where your focus will be. Will it be money or education? The love of money as we have seen is the root to all evil and pain. We want people/ students to know that we are not poor at home but it has caused so many students to fall in problems.

Some of the better ways of earning money are:

- Getting a part time job in a school holiday
- Engaging in farming/animal husbandry
- Saving from your pocket money given to you by parents/guardians
- Engaging in a small enterprising business at school eg selling pens, pencils, sweets.

The little that you have should be enough for you. Appreciate God and your parents for the money to study. You are at school to have a better future. Nothing comes free in this world, you need to work hard and that is the same with money, study, get a job and earn it.

Prayer: Dear God, forgive me for not appreciating what you have provided for me, forgive me for all the things I have done wrong in order to get money. I pray from today onwards I will depend on you from my provision. Amen.