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LEGITIMATE YOUTH BUILDING: THE ROLE OF PARENTS AND **MENTORS**

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ABSTRACT

The Youth are the pillars of God's Church for the future. The world in which we live is exilic. Parents, Guardians and Leaders in the household of faith should occupy the position of Mentors. They should imbibe in the youth the soundness of doctrine and discipline as demonstrated by heroes of faith such as Joseph, Daniel and Esther. This article therefore addresses the issue the need for parents and mentors instils good moral among young people wherever they find themselves. In the article, there is an attempt to respond to some of the following questions. What role does parent have to play in the lives of the young people to enable them to stand firm in whatever situation they find themselves? What can church also do to argument the efforts of parents in imbibing Christian moral and behavior among young people? Are there lessons from the Old Testament young people's life that the contemporary young people can learn? Can mentoring serves as a motivation for them to live and act according to the bible presets? The article summarizesthe need for mentoring young people as building legitimate existence in our exilic world.

KEYWORDS: Legitimate, Building, Mentoring, Youth, Parents, Church.

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