The Role of Pastors in Developing Adolescent’s Spirituality at GKPI Onan Runggu Resort Years 2019

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Abstract

The aim of this article is to explore the extent to which a role pastor impacts the development of adolescent’s spirituality. This work uses qualitative methods. The author uses a data collection technique, conducting a literature review through gathering data from books and the internet, direct field observations, and interviews with research subjects that are all teen mentors, including parents, elders and local sidhi catechism. The conclusion of this article is that the role of a teenager mentor in the flourishing of adolescent spirituality is as a counselor, visionary leader, spirituality leader, friend, teacher, sheper and prayer. Thus, a teen mentor can yield several outcomes: First, teens who possess a good and correct knowledge of the God’s Word, so that they are able to live their teen years without a change in spirituality that inclines toward the negative. Second, a good example for future teenager mentors and encouragement for parents to do the same while the teens are in the home. Third, foster a teen’s self-confidence when they experience different spirituality as the teen knows they have someone with whom they can share the problems which they are facing. Forth, increase guiding pastor to teen in church. From 70 % Rr said The Role of Pastors in Development Spirituality Teenager’s GKPI Onan Runggu Years 2019.

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Introduction

God and His plan for the lives of people who surrender to Him provide Spirituality to have a decisive role in the appearance of behavior as meeting the needs for a clear and meaningful future. Spiritual values that are believed to potentially function as fences that limit behavior, while certainty in the inclusion of meaning in life. The meaning of life is not only useful to frame past experiences in God's providential framework, it also places the future in direction and at the same time gives hope to God's goodness.

In the era of industry 4.0 is full of industrial advancements including social media advances that are so sophisticated. Social Media is so fast in providing global information to human life. Information media affect the lives of adolescents both in positive and negative terms. Social media also affects the spiritual of adolescents. For this reason, the most important need in the lives of adolescents in their spiritual process is the presence of a priest who is able to foster adolescents. Then in guidanceing pastors, they must have a heart that is fully concentrated on adolescents, especially when teens begin to tell their problems.

A pastor's seriousness in guidanceing teenager is not only the guidance's response when the teenager shares his story, but also has attention, love and a sense of protection. Bill Sanders (1995, 55) said if we show genuine interest, accompanied by care, love, and a desire to protect, then your teen will start talking. By encouraging them, we can make them more open and willing to tell why they are sad, why they feel bored of life, they are willing to talk about their alcohol and drug problems, about how difficult it is to avoid having sex with their male or female friends. The search for identity, recognition, clear status, appreciation, trust and desire to be heard is what adolescents need today. David Rice (1987, 165) said Another way to show appreciation to adolescents is to accept the desire to be a separate person.

From the background of the above problems, it is very important that the role Pastor in development adolescents GKPI Onan Runggu years 2019.
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Guidancing comes from the word bina which means to build, to build, to strive for more progress. Ronald (1996, 34) said Guidancing is teaching, directed guidance. Furthermore, Pasaribu (2012, 4) said guidancing has the meaning of an activity which is to build, maintain, pay attention to and perfect an experience, knowledge and skills possessed by an individual. Then The whole purpose of guidancing is done to grow and mature faith. Guidancing is done in terms of knowledge, emotions, attitudes and spirituality. According to Raines and Rihardson W. (1995, 7) stated: guidancing means "Process, action: a way of fostering in an effort the activities carried out efficiently and effectively in order to obtain better results.

Specifically, as a Pastor as an Adolescent guidance must pay attention to the period of adolescent growth. Adolescence is a transition from childhood to teenager. The teenage years who are looking for identity and a model for him. That is why in building the spirit of adolescence, adults are needed who are called to serve teenager and truly have a heart in teenager ministry. Children enter adolescence, spiritual life is very important to be instilled in them, because at that time adolescents are difficult to understand. Adolescents want to make a limited childhood spiritual (not free) to the spiritual teenager in the search for self-identity. Adolescents need spiritual guidance which is good for their lives. The pastor must be responsive to the problem of the teenager. Adolescent guidances must be responsive to problems that occur. Warren S. Benson and Mark H. Senter II(1993,15) said that: The spiritual development of adolescents as something that is characterized by greater realism, in which adolescents develop a nature of love that is more responsive to God than the previous position.

The assignment of the Pastor's call is in accordance with the clerical description of Agenda GKPI (2014, hal.94.) the fourth item (IV) so you must guide and teach them, so that their hopes are centered on God. Give understanding to them, so that they know and appreciate the grace of God so that they praise and worship God. Oppose and block all evil influences that want to damage the child's relationship with God, therefore God has instructed: Feed my lambs. So that the role and duties of the Pastor in teenager spiritual formation include:

As a Spiritual Guide

During the development of social media at this time teens get a variety of identities as adolescents Millennia. Therefore, in order for adolescents not to misidentify themselves, spiritual guidance is needed from both parents and pastors. Adolescents are still more trusting in their parents and pastors in guiding about Millennia teen identity. Anni Dyck (2001,55-56) states: As a teenager he trusted his parents, teachers, and guidances to guide him. Pasaribu (2019, 69) said Guiding pastors to adolescents is carried out both inside and outside the church. Means of guidancing pastors conducted to adolescents through teenager worship activities, and learning Sidhi Same as I stated by. Howar G. Hedricks (2009, 45) states: that as effective instructors and mentors, not only know what is taught, or the contents of the teaching, but must know who is taught or guided.

Next Lawrence (2007, 28) Here are a few suggestions for today's teenager guidances: First, teen guidances need a more comprehensive understanding of the personality of adolescents. That is why an adolescent guidance must continue to equip himself by diligently reading books about adolescents; attend training or workshops and do activities together with teenage psara. Second, adolescent guidances must learn to accept the existence of adolescents as they are. Understand their uniqueness and "strangeness". Third, adolescent guidances need to share their feelings with adolescents because adolescents want to be treated as adults. Fourth, adolescent guidances need to be role models. Demonstrating commendable life. Be consistent in words and deeds. Fifth, adolescent guidances provide guidance to adolescents in dealing with physical changes so that adolescents can accept and respect themselves. Sixth, it helps teens to understand the authority that God is above all, but God gives parents and other adults the authority of God. Seventh, equipping adolescents to face challenges, pressures from peers and the demands of unbelieving groups. Eighth, lead teens to understand the dynamics and nature of love based on the principles of God's Word. Ninth, teaching character and character apart from the formation of faith.
As a Spiritual Counselor

A pastor functions as a counselor for teenager. Pastors use counseling tools in guiding adolescents. Where adolescents really expect the pastor's presence in solving all the problems of his life, both problems with parents, at school, the environment and himself. The pastor provides counseling to teenager in order to guide and help teenager overcome their problems in the right way. Hadi (2008,3) the problem of spiritual formation is difficult to overcome in the guidance process. Counseling as a means of adolescent spiritual guidance. With counseling, a pastor will be able to discover what is the problem in adolescent spiritual growth. Pastors provide solutions to solve problems through spiritual formation so that teens are able to solve problems through faith in God.

As a spiritual Teacher

R5 said In the custom of GKPI Onan Runggu, the dominant ones who follow the Catechetics are teenagers. Catechetics is used as a tool in teaching teenager. Then R2 said the pastor teaches Teenager about Creation, humans, the Bible, (Old and New Testaments), Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, Salvation, Repentance, Church, Sacraments, and the Coming Life. Through this spiritual teaching, teenager will grow in spirituality. In teaching the Pastor evangelizes teenager so that they live in the faithful love and salvation of Jesus Christ.

As a spiritual leader who has vision

R5 said Pastors are leaders for teenager. A priest who is able to explain a spiritual understanding that is not understood by adolescents. Because in the life of adolescents many face spiritual understandings that are not understood. With an explanation of spiritual understanding, adolescents experience spiritual growth.

As a friend who has love

R6 said A good friend is a friend who is able to look after his friend's best friend. A pastor is a friend in the spiritual formation of adolescents. The pastor, as a teenage friend, is able to accept and express the feelings of adolescents who are in turmoil and struggle. As friends, pastors will build close relationships with adolescents so that teens find solutions to their spiritual problems. As stated by Linda and Richard Eyre (2012:30) , talk to them about why they are so, also with the reasons and reasons behind who might view a problem. As friends, pastors build friendly communication of love, so adolescents are able to live the love of God's grace in their lives.

As a Sheperd

R5 said One of the great tasks of a shepherd is to fight and prevent all evil influences from ruining the spiritual life of adolescents. The pastor herders the teenager so that they live as sheep of Christ. The pastor's duty is the Pastoral's. Priest as pastor means pastor as pastor. Then Pasaribu (2012, 20) said A pastor as a shepherd must have a person who only gives something (sentiment love) but is able to love in a positive sense (redemptive love), love that saves and liberates. As pastor, pastors visit, pray and guide adolescents.

As a Prayer

R 7 said The priest as a prayer, pray for adolescents in all their struggles and lives. Pastors must be prepared to bring in personal prayer on a regular basis, if adolescents include it as a prayer point in religious services or other worship. Adolescents have the prayer needs of a pastor. R12 said Even the Pastor, as a prayer, visits homes rather than children to pray for family, education, and teenage life.

Adolescents Spirituality

Pasaribu 2018,43) said The term Spirituality uses the word Spirituality. Spirituality is related to matters of religious activity. Spirituality comes from the word spiritual which gets a prefix to the suffix and suffix which means spiritual qualities or spiritual matters. Bruce and Cockreham (2004:342) said So spirituality means everything related to religion. Spiritual or spiritual in a certain sense refers to things related to the spirit. Whereas
in a broader sense, it means the intrinsic spirit possessed by all matter in the world. Even so spiritual is always associated with internal human feelings involving self-emotion and strategic reasoning. R8 said The spiritual of each individual is the determinant of the social moral of the community and the establishment of the law. Engebretson (2004, 264) defines: “Spirituality is the experience of other saints, accompanied by feelings of wonder, excitement, love, trust, and hope. Spirituality can be named in new ways and redefined or through beliefs, rituals, symbols, values, stories of religious traditions. Spirituality can be expressed in hope and trust, prayer, worship (personal and communal rituals), values, service, actions for justice, connection with the earth.”

**Have Hope and Trust in Jesus**

R5. Hope is a characteristic of people who live spiritually. Hope affects the lives of Christians. Christians who live in hope will live a little in lethargy and emptiness. Then Lawrence (1994, 312.) said Hope gives strength and encouragement. Hope arises from faith. R4 said Hope is directed to what God is doing. Hope only goes to Christ.

**Like to Pray**

Someone who has a good spirituality surely he always lives in prayer. God gave an example through the apostles who considered prayer to be the most important in their lives (Acts 6: 1-4). Prayer occupies the most important place in God's life (Mark 1:35). Rober in Pola Hidup (1994, 661) said Prayer must be the center of life, prayer is a lifeline, a vital communication relationship with God. The Bible teaches people to be mature.

**Like to Worship**

Workship shows one's spirituality. Someone who diligently worships and performs religious rituals means that he has lived in spirituality. The foundation of worship is praise to God. John Perkins in Pola Hidup (1994: 626) said Worship generally has two purposes related to God: bringing glory to Him and serving Him. In Worship there is a perception and execution of events related to Christ, because the purpose of worship is to tell stories and do events related to Christ so that it gives meaning to our lives.

**Love the word of God**

R.5 said God's Word is very important in the lives of adolescents. By diligently reading the Word of God, adolescents will be protected from false teachings that affect their spirituality. John Perkins in Pola Hidup (1994: 625) The Bible can teach ethics and tell what God wants. Reading the Bible earnestly requires an attitude of fellowship with God to hear promises, consolations and warnings and what God wants from His people. R10 said The love of reading God's Word shows the spirituality of adolescents.

**Like to serve**

R11 said Spiritual growth does not mean a greater amount of piety, but rather a greater ability to serve Jesus. John Perkins in Pola Hidup (1994: 961) in serving him, spiritual growth occurs. Spiritual teenager will have a desire and love to serve.

**Love of Nature**

In the age of modernization, adolescents are also required to develop a love of God. Through guidanceing by the pastor, it will foster love for Nature. Adolescents are fostered so as not to destroy the nature destroyer by carrying out deforestation, excessive use of plastic plastics, hunting of animals and air pollution. R12 said Adolescents fostered their love for nature through planting trees, cleaning gutters and rivers and so forth. Adolescents will clean the environment from plastic.
Has Christian Value

Christian values possessed by adolescents are: having love, joy, peace, patience, generosity, kindness, loyalty, gentleness and self-control. (Gal 5: 21-22). Spiritual teenager will distance themselves from those that conflict with Christian values, R4. Said Attitudes and behaviors that are contrary to Christian values are: fornication, uncleanness, lust, idolatry, magic, envy, anger, self-interest, selfishness and broken spirit. (cf. Gal 5: 19-20). So adolescents who have spirituality are adolescents who have Christian Christian values in His life.

Problems and Need of Adolescents

Then Charles M Shelton (1990, 5). said is the process of transition from childhood to adulthood, a period that determines human development in the emotional, moral, spiritual and physical fields. This teenager is a period of development and change, a period of turmoil and rebellion. It is not uncommon to find many young people losing their grip in trying to find themselves. In this period young people do need the assistance of adults, who can understand and protect them to grow up. This means that the interest, love, attention, and protection of a pastor as a guidance can have a real impact that makes teens want to change from their spirituality.

As for what is a need of adolescents through interviews Rr, namely: First, teenager need priests who can understand spiritual growth. Second, the needs of adolescents about their vision, pastors provide clear and true vision understanding. Through understanding this vision, teenager become motivated and innovative. Third, what the pastor's teenager needs is spiritual guidance.. From the interview, the writer draws the conclusion that good and appropriate spiritual guidance to adolescents is able to create a sense of comfort in his spiritual community. Fourth, the needs that adolescents want in their builders are as friends. Adolescents feel that they also need the figure of a friend who can understand and be trusted when they express their feelings, feelings of sadness, joy or anger. Adolescents sometimes find peers who actually make them disappointed. Fifth, other five things are also the needs of adolescents, namely prayer, in addition to a great faith in God to control their lives, some adolescents believe that the power of prayer plays an important role in their daily activities. This is a good thing from one of the adolescent's behavior because not all want to pray regularly, orderly and regularly. Adolescents need other parties to support their enthusiasm, their dreams, their hopes and ideals, especially their future. This is where the role of the guidance as intercessors for adolescents they serve. Feeling weak and needing prayer support is always the desire of adolescents. So adolescents need a guidance who really prays for them in their daily life, asked or not asked. Sixth, the needs of adolescents are shepherds. From the pastoral care of a pastor, adolescents will be peaceful, calm, in truth and love.

Research Method

Population and Sample

The population and sample in the author's research is to focus only on middle-aged adolescents aged 14-17 years who follow the Sidhi catechism, Elder and congregation GKPI Onan Runggu.

Data Collection Technique

In this writing the authors use several data collection techniques related to the subject that the authors discuss, namely literature, surveys and interviews. Then the method used by the writer is a qualitative method with data collection techniques; First, the authors conducted a literature review that is through books relating to the role of adolescent guideeess for the development of adolescent behavior. Second, using the interview method to the object of study, the first interview directly to Priest, Congregation and Sidhi catechism GKPI Onan Runggu, with the aim of knowing how big is the relationship of the role of the pastor builder in the author's research location. Second, interviews with adolescents with the aim to find out the extent of the role of adolescent guidance for the development of adolescent spirituality at the GKPI Onan Runggu.

Data analysis Technique

The data obtained were analyzed by the author to be tested for truth through an interview that the author had done to the respondent and finally obtained data on how the role of adolescent guideeess for the growth of adolescent teenagerfulness at GKPI Onan Runggu in North Tapanuli, North Sumatra. Then the authors analyze
the data, then process and conclude it in the form of a description. In this writing the authors use the interview method with data collection techniques relating to the subject that the authors discuss, namely literature, surveys and interviews. Natzir (1988, 211) says Interviews, namely data retrieval using questions and answers. Next Sugiyano (2010, 310) says In-depth interviews were conducted to explore the The Role of Pastors in Development Spirituality Teenager’s GKPI Onan Runggu Resort Years 2019.

Data Analysis and Research Results

Analysis Interpretation Data with The questions that the authors asked through interviews were divided into two categories, namely questions about the role of pastors and the relationship of adolescents with their pastors related to teenager spirituality.

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As a Leader Who Has a Vision

Adolescent guidancees need and are very important to convey every vision that will be lived while serving teenager. What is the future vision for the continuity of the service. Good cooperation is needed between the head of the teenager guidance and other teenager guidancees so that the vision to be carried out can achieve its goals. 15 people out of 20 (75%) adolescents who say from the leadership of the pastor who has a vision, makes teens diligently learn to achieve their goals.

As a Spiritual Leader

Adolescent guidancees must prepare every material word of God that will be delivered so that each teenager understands the meaning of what can be obtained for them to do in their lives. In addition, adolescent guidancees must be good role models in their daily lives, both in their words, actions, speech and behavior. An example of what a guidance needs to do as a spiritual leader for adolescents is to model the culture of reading the Bible every day for teens. 10 people out of 20(50%) adolescents say that instead of patterning pastors from reading the Bible, they become people who want to read the Bible.

As a friend

Adolescent guidancees need to make themselves enter in togetherness with adolescent fostered. By way of more frequent face-to-face meetings outside of adolescent worship, holding regular meetings every month with adolescents, recreation together. Or things that are very easy to do, but have a very big impact that is jogging in the afternoon for example, to make yourself a guidance as a friend. This is sometimes thought of as a way that is actually very easy to do. And there are many other ways that can be done as long as the guidance really wants to be a good friend for them. 75% from adolescents said the positive influence of the Pastor as a friend was that they imitated the Pastor to behave positively and speak politely.

As an Teenage Prayer

R13 said The pastor always prays for his teens whether asked or not. Be more active in asking about their situation, visiting adolescents in their homes, then praying for them in intercession. This will have a very big impact on adolescents where they will learn to be a teenager who likes to pray. 16 out of 20(80%) adolescents say that because of the Pastor's intercession they finally become people who pray.

As a shepherd

In Pastor's care of teenager, showing humility and service. Pastors serve teenager with examples and examples. 12 people out of 20 (60%) adolescents say that from humility and pastor service, they are motivated to live in humility and serve (for example, sweeping churches, choirs, receptionists, etc.).

As a counselor

Pastors strengthen and give hope to adolescents who follow counseling. As a counselor, pastors provide solutions based on Christianity to adolescents who come for counseling. The pastor diagnoses adolescent problems and provides problem solving. 16 out of 20 (80%) adolescents said they were resistant to suffering because of Pastor's counseling, because they were headed for the hope that God would come to give help and
wisdom.

As Spiritual Teacher

Pastor give teaching spirituality to adolescents. As a spirituality teacher, pastor based to Bible. 17 out of 20 (75 %) said they needed pastor as spiritual teacher.

Conclusion

Based on the entire description above regarding the needs of adolescents for their guidance, a guidance must know and understand what the needs of the adolescent fostered. Being a guidance who really has a heart for teenager ministry and not just as a service to fill spare time or vacancy formation services. Then Based on the results of data analysis, the conclusions of the research that must be carried out in guiding adolescent services, especially in the development of adolescent behavior are: First, there are still adolescents who believe in pastors as spiritual parents providing examples and examples in the spiritual life of adolescents. Adolescents are interested in the spiritual life of pastors, so adolescents follow the pastor's spiritual lifestyle. Because of the Pastor's spirituality, a teenager was interested in attending Theology School because he wanted to be a pastor. Second, pastor counseling brings adolescents alive in good spirituality. With good spirituality adolescents can solve their problems by consulting the pastor. Third, adolescents feel that pastors have good foresight in handling adolescents according to the development of their behavior. Where teenager spirituality can develop from good service from pastors. Guidanceing Pastors can guide teens who do not have good spirituality to be good. Fourth, more creativity is needed in carrying out adolescent worship procedures so that they have a special attraction for adolescents without reducing the value that must be understood by adolescents in their spiritual development. Fifth, through the prayer of the pastor can produce adolescents who have a change in spirituality and become better so that encourage teenager to be faithful in worship.

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