

Understanding the Roles of Christian Counselor

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Abstract— Christian counselors play an important role in the life of the congregation because they are the central figure to provide views and problems solving. The experience of a Christian counselor is certainly very different from congregation's in general, the talent possessed by a counselor becomes a differentiator that shows the significance of a counselor as a person who is helping or assisting the congregation in dealing with complex life problems. The things that a counselor must have in dealing with each individual are sound teaching, patient and gentle. Through this, we can measure an individual life impact of congregation's has. Based on the results of the study, it can be concluded that in this study, namely: The understanding of Christian counselors on the life of the congregation proved significantly at 18,8%.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A counselor is a servant of God who leads and counsels congregations with problems and assists them with solutions based on biblical points of view. A church that grows in faith must have counselors to accommodate every problem from the congregations [1]. This is very important because in today's times every human being has problems not only in mental matters but, in family life, business, health, economy, social life, and culture. A counselor is an adviser who serves counsel. This understanding is supported by Anthony Yeo's definition is a person who must have certain capabilities to facilitate counseling relationships with basic knowledge of counseling theory and practice, well-interviewing skills and, intervention in problem-solving [2]. However, many congregations or believers do not understand what counseling is, especially or specifically Christian counselors.

II. METHOD

The research method used in this research is quantitative research design with survey method and collection technique used is the Random Sampling system, namely the collection of data from members of the population at random, regardless of the strata in the population. Data collection in this study was carried out by conducting field research; namely conducting research directly at the research site to obtain the required data. Data collection in the field was using questionnaire.

III. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

Theoretical study of the book of 2 Timothy 24-25 The Epistle of Timothy was written from prison in Rome during his second imprisonment in A.D. 65. The introduction to the letter is Tychicus (4:12). This time the conditions in the prison were more severe than during the first period of imprisonment (60-62), because at that time Paul was allowed to live in his own rented house and receive guests. But during the second year of prison, he was in prison, he was shackled (1:16) and treated a criminal (2:9). Paul has already passed his first trial. He was temporarily sentenced, but Paul expected to be put to death soon (4:6). All of his friends left Paul except for Luke. In his loneliness and foreboding of death, Paul longed for Timothy's arrival in the last moments of the apostle's life. The longing for Timothy and the encouragement to him to be faithful in his ministry were the motives for the writing of 2 Timothy. The general impression of these pastoral letters reveals churches defending themselves against the jealousy of the frustrated Jews and the growing indifference of the unscrupulous pagans. Through the analysis of the words above, it is found that the dimensions of 2 Timothy:24-25, namely: Good at teaching (didacticon) is a person who not only knows the truth but also must be able to convey it and

will do it, not only talking a lot but living in such way so that it can show that the counselor is Godly character man. Patience (anexikakon) is the act of enduring suffering without hatred. Gentleness (prauteti) is an act of loving everyone, not using violence based on these factors, a counselor must embrace several factors such as:

Sound Teaching

An effective teacher always teaches from the abundance of his full life. The simple law of teaching is if someone stops growing today, he will stop teaching tomorrow. According to Howard G. Hendricks, there are three factors of being a good teacher namely: Giving help to people who need teaching; Avoid coercing someone to accept the teaching given; Avoid giving sudden assignments when teaching is given. Being good at teaching can be understood as the most important characteristic possessed by Christian counselor which consists of intelligence in effective teaching and easily understood by every counselee [3].

Being Patient

Patience in Hebrew comes from the word erekh, in Greek it comes from the word makrothumia. Man's patience in Proverbs is highly commended, for it is of great value in the practice of living to avoid dispute, and settling the world system wisely, especially when involving things that cause anger. Christians are obligated to show patience like God, in their relationships with one another (Matthew. 18:26, 29; Corinthians. 13:4; Ephesians. 4:), for patience is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatian 5:22). Patience in relationships with others must be compatible with patience (Greek hupomone) in dealing with hardship and suffering (Romans. 5:3; Corinthians 13:7; James :3; Revelation 13:10). This Jesus-liked patience (Hebrew. 12:3) is a divine gift (Romans 15:5; Thessalonians. 3:5). The Christian who patiently perseveres and endures to the end because of his patience will be saved (Mark. 13:13; Luke 21:19; Revelation 3:10).

Gentle

Gentleness comes from the Greek word praus (prauz) which means gentleness, humility, caring, not rude. However, humans instinctively want to be strong, powerful and do not want to be humiliated. Frederick Nietzsche, an atheist philosopher once suggested that humans become people who do not need to depend on anyone, including God. But Jesus advises us to be meek. Gentleness is the most important factor to show the personality of someone who has received the love of Christ. The counselor should have gentleness in his personality, because of the Christian counselor which provides

teaching indirectly through his actions towards the counseling congregation [4].

God's Word

The word of God is inspired by God, or in Greek, breathed by God, this means that the author of the Bible is God Himself who breathed into it. So, the Bible is the Word of God. It consists of God's Word. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand the contents of the Bible, which is the Spirit of God working in the life of Christians so that Christians can read and hear and understand the contents of the Word of God. Sometimes people think that God often leaves His people who need of His help or are in difficult circumstances. However, God never leaves His people who need Him. As Christians, to face difficult situations, we must be closer to God so that our faith is stronger. In addition, we must also diligently read His words because God's Word is the samewords that have the power to solve all problems. Another power of God's Word (specifically) is to give us new life. A new life based on our faith in Jesus Christ. Studying and meditating on God's Word: Pray, determine the topic to be studied, read the bible carefully, understand the Bible, interpret the Bible with other Bible verses, understand the verses of God's Word in context and understand the Bible according to its background [5].

Worship

James White views worship as duality. The duality means here is worship as God's ministry to the church and worship as the church's ministry before God. Worship consists of prayer's meeting that is in line with worship, teaching, feast, in the prayer meeting, love and concern for others are also developed when praying for them. God wants the process of serving God to be the top priority in our lives, His people do not worship God out of guilt or fear or even obligation, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body (1 Corinthians 6:20)

No.	Christian Counselor's Understanding of Congregational Life	Result of data analysis
1	Christian Counselor's Understanding of Congregational Life	Significant at $\alpha < 0,05$ $r_{yx} = 0,188$ very low

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the study, it can be concluded that in this study, namely: The understanding of Christian counselors on the life of the congregation proved significantly at 18,8%

Following verse 2 Timothy 2:24-25 a Christian counselor must have abilities, such as Sound teaching, patient, and gentle. Through verse exegesis a Christian counselor must be a skilled

and suitable teacher, patient and forbearing, and willing to suffer wrong.

A skilled counselor needs training, experience and, exposure for years, this must be understood by both counselor and counselee so that an unqualified counseling process will not happen. Sound teaching consists of intelligence in teaching and effective teaching.

The Christian counselor in this section must have a character in terms of patience, this is very closely related to what the Word of God teaches such as the fruit of the Spirit, fruits of the Spirit taught in His truth. Christians are obligated to show patience like God, in their relationships with one another (Matthew. 18:26, 29; 1 Corinthians. 13:4; Ephesians. 4:), for patience is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatian 5:22). Patience in relationships with others must be compatible with patience (Greek *hupomone*) in dealing with hardship and suffering (Romans. 5:3; Corinthians 13:7; James :3; Revelation 13:10). This Jesus-liked patience (Hebrew. 12:3) is a divine gift (Romans 15:5; Thessalonians. 3:5). The Christian who patiently perseveres and endures to the end because of his patience will be saved (Mark 13:13; Luke 21:19; Revelation 3:10).

Counselors naturally have a gentle nature, this is appropriate because it is impossible for a counselee when it comes to the counselor to receive harsh treatment or not following applicable norms. This fairness is something that must be owned and should not be denied by every counselor, why? Because the comfort factor becomes something important in the process of counseling between the two parties. Gentleness is the most important part to show the personality of someone who has received the love of Christ. The counselor in this case should have gentleness in his personality because the Christian counselor will provide teaching indirectly through his actions towards the counseling process

A counselor must live according to what the Word of God says, this is because God's Word is a guideline to every believer. The word of God is inspired by God, or in Greek, breathed by God, this means that the author of the Bible is God Himself who breathed into it. So, the Bible is the Word of God. Studying and meditating on God's Word will equip counselors with God's wisdom and give impact to counselee's life as a congregation.

Every congregation must have a passion for worship as a lifestyle because of love. Worship consists of Prayer's meeting with worship, teaching, and holy communion. Love is developed in prayer's meetings, this will give impact on the congregation and transform the life of counsel as congregation.

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