Crisis Management in Youth Leadership - an Evaluation of Paul's Teaching in 1 Timothy 4:12
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Abstract
Youths are considered important and cherished in every part of the world. The men, women and youths constitute the lay members of the church with each group contributing its own quota in both the church and the society. However, despite the importance attached to the youths and the fact that there cannot be a happy society without the youths, the Nigerian Christian youths have become victims of neglect and as such are exposed to certain untold predicaments resulting in difficulties in managing the affairs of the youths. This paper examined what youth predicaments are all about, the causes and consequences of these ugly situations. The paper recommended that the youths should not be abandoned, but be directed and educated, according to Paul’s teaching (1Tim.4:12), towards acquiring knowledge necessary to face the challenges in the leadership cadre for the teaming population of the Christian youths in our contemporary Nigerian society.

Introduction
Aware of the predicaments besieging the youths activities and wrongful appreciation/evaluation from the elders and others outside their folk. This paper aim at acquiring knowledge to face the challenges of leadership for the teaming population of the Christian youths in our contemporary Nigerian society. It is regretted that these group identified by the general public as both the life wire in the church and society are besieged by myriads of predicaments ranging from crisis in faith, problem of unemployment, choice of career, bad companies and cult membership. Also seen is poor family background, financial constraints in pursuit of education, illiteracy and uncommitted attention to learning (especially open to examination misconduct), (getting rich quick syndrome through armed robbery, kidnapping, openness to exploitation in schools by lecturers and as thugs and agents of crime by politicians, etc. In the light of these predicaments, one wonders whether the youths can at all realize their potentials as leaders in a country where the youths are subjected to such