

ABSTRACT

The family is considered the most significant educational agency among the Christian educational institutions. Martin Luther affirmed that although both the church and the school play important roles in the Christian education of children, none of these supercedes the impact of Christian education by the family.

This study attempted to challenge Korean Christian parents in the Greater Manila Area to improve Christian family education of their children. Identifying and analysing the status of Christian family education of the respondents provides a clear understanding of their existing conditions and needs. It also guides the ministers and educators in their work with Christian parents.

Sixty-three respondents of about 240 Korean Christian families in the Greater Manila Area comprised the sample population of this study. The questionnaire which was devised by the researcher in consultation with her advisor was used in gathering the data.

The study showed that Korean Christian families in the Greater Manila Area are highly aware of the significance of Christian family education. They are willing to have good Christian family education. However, the study revealed that it is not properly conducted. The respondents themselves were not guided properly by their parents and the

Christian institutions. They are weak in self-study and self-training in the task of Christian Education. Understandably, there is a great tendency for parents to depend on the church believing that the church is accountable and more capable of Christian education of the children.

Christian family education among the Korean Christian families is practiced in haphazard, unintentional ways. While they rate highly on their exemplary life for Christian education of their children, they give less attention to methods and materials necessary for effective teaching.

Both parents are cooperative in Christian family education. Christian family education is moving towards becoming more children-centered rather than parent-centered.

This study recommends that parents should have a pioneering spirit in initiating ideal Christian family education. The church, its people, and other Christian institutions such as the school are to be accountable in guiding Christian parents with the task of Christian education in the home.