

MORAL VALUES AND ITS DEPRECIATION AMONG NIGERIAN YOUTHS: IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNSELING SERVICES

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ABSTRACT

The focus of this paper is on the moral values and its depreciation among Nigerian youths, with the concomitant counseling implications. Moral values refer to activities in human character, conduct, social intercourse, etc. that can be judged as being good, wrong and the like; such cultural values include respect for elders, obeying rules and regulations, chastity etc., culminating in man's peaceful coexistence. Such woeful lack of values is most noticeable among the youths at the home and educational levels with the politicians/leaders and even parents acting as bad models. The counseling implications include giving accurate personal, social information and cognitive restructuring. Recommendations include, amongst others, proper modeling by various stakeholders.

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