



## **REPORT OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMITTEE IN THE 35TH NATIONAL PRAYER CONFERENCE OF THE CHRISTIAN EVANGELICAL SOCIAL MOVEMENT HELD BETWEEN DEC 28-JAN 1 IN THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATHEDRAL INDEPENDENCE LAYOUT ENUGU.**

The committee adopted the time honoured definition of corruption from the holy writ, as decay, routine deviation from moral standards and norms. It identified types of corruption to include bribery, private gain, dishonesty and illegal behaviour by those in authority; fraud; extortion; sexual enticement and forced sexual gratification to gain undue advantage. Committee noted that corruption in Nigeria have become institutionalized and systemic.

### **PREVALENCE OF CORRUPTION**

The committee noted that corruption have permeated every system and sector of the Nigerian society corruption is found in award of contracts, promotion of staff' dispensation of justice and even in the church. Virtually all systems have collapsed or are collapsing due to the corruption. The health sector, the security apparatus; the educational sector, the police; the executive, the legislators, the aviation industry are all rendered impotent by corruption.

### **CONSEQUENCE OF CORRUPTION**

The committee noted that corruption in Nigeria have become cancerous. It is making life in Nigeria very painful, brutish and short. Many die daily on the roads; air, and the sea due to decayed infrastructure because public office holders and contractors are corrupt. Industries are relocating or collapsing under the weight of unbearable overhead because of corruption in the power sector. Most of our youths are unemployed or unemployable because of corruption in the educational sector. Violence, militancy, kidnapping is now the order of the day. Many now fear that a bloody revolution is imminent. Misdiagnosis, fake drugs; substandard medical infrastructure, have left many dead who cannot afforded medical attention outside the country, because of corruption or its effect in the health sector. Committee concluded that Nigeria and Nigerians must find solution to corruption or corruption will kill Nigeria.

### **CAUSE OF CORRUPTION IN NIGERIA**

Committee traces corruption to the enthronement of mediocrity and ethnicism in the Nigerian polity by the departing colonialist. This seed of corruption was fertilized by altered value and perception of morality and success, low wages; competition among multi-ethnic society, long years of military tyranny; collapse of institution and rise of strongmen and god-fathers; government subsidies; electoral fraud; and the unbalanced preaching of prosperity gospel.

**The committee proffered four [4] ABC solution to corruption.**

All Nigerians must unite and fight corruption

All Nigerians must develop zero tolerance for corruption



All Nigerians must become advocates against corruption [stickers like 'Corruption kills' can be used for advocacy.

Archaism where all caught for corruption are summarily death with and their family are not allowed to inherit the proceeds of corruption was advocated by the committee [Joshua 7]

Believers must adopt the light and salt model and create corruption free zones in their place of work.

Comprehensive review of the policies and laws of every Nigerian institution to reflect zero tolerance for corruption

Churches must preach and pray more against corruption and corrupt leaders