



Entrepreneurship and Correlation in the Bible Viewed from the Perspective of Christian Education

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Abstract

Entrepreneurship is not a new term that we hear. It has been around since the 17th century. Even since hundreds of years ago humans tried to meet the needs of life with entrepreneurship, be it farming, farming, hunting to trade well with the barter method to using money as a medium of exchange. The context in this study is according to the perspective of Christian religious education and its correlation in the Bible because the perspective of most Christians does not understand the concept of entrepreneurship in the Bible. The method in this study with a qualitative approach is accompanied by several sources from library research and other primary sources. Hopefully the writing of this article can open the perspective of the reader's paradigm for the learning needs of Christian Religious Education. The Bible as the word of God as well as a guide for Christians must be maintained and maintained its truth values so that entrepreneurs run by Christians do not violate the principles of faith set forth in it. Through entrepreneurship activities can create new jobs and also as a form of worship and work of Christians in the eyes of God.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Over time, the era of disruption that is growing and growing rapidly demands many changes quickly. Many people have started to abandon things that traditionally include conventional and switch to technology that is faster, practical and efficient. This also affects the world of *entrepreneurship* in all aspects. *Entrepreneurship* penetrates quickly in all real sectors because it is considered a major and important factor in encouraging economic growth in a region.





It is undeniable that entrepreneurial activities support economic commerce whose main subject is humans as business people. The term *entrepreneur* is known since the 17th century which means to try. The word was first introduced by Richard Castillon in 1755, derived from the French, "*entreprendre*" meaning entrepreneur. When associated in business ventures, entrepreneur means entrepreneurship (commerce).

In this study, researchers want to find empirical and biblical data and facts that *entrepreneurship* is not considered taboo and contrary to Christian values, both from the point of view of Christian faith, bratically and according to the perspective of Christian Education as a bridge from the learning process to Christian values that occur around us. It is inevitable that the development of entrepreneurship continues to experience very significant progress, especially online use. Although this has an impact on the middle to lower economy. As a result, traditional stores have closed and been displaced by the pattern of *e-commerce* or *online models*.

The mushrooming pattern of *entrepreneurs* among the wider community has created a new economic world that is currently growing and supported by the government as "Usaha Mikro Kecil Menengah" (UMKM). This opportunity must be responded positively and moved quickly as the development of economic expansion that can have a global impact. The birth of *online stores* is increasingly mushrooming and becoming a solution in all walks of life, both merchants and consumers both benefit even though there are plus and minus impacts.

So many online stores are increasingly rife, proving that *entrepreneurship* is experiencing developments driven by urgent community needs as a result of the changing era of disruption. Traditional stores in the form of grocery stalls and the like have been abandoned by consumers because they are left behind by increasing consumer needs. The birth of modern markets such as the availability of franchise stores; Ready-to-eat food and drinks in every place such as sweet iced tea, coffee, snacks and so on prove that people can see what market share is in great demand as needed. This *market place* must be followed by fast movement so as not to be taken by other competitors or at least complement each other and contribute.

If binoculars in terms of faith, especially in this study, church residents must be able to be observant, careful and not violate the faith of Christianity and the Bible as a guide to Christian life. *Entrepreneurship* can be a blessing but it can also plunge attachment to mammon. In this case Christians must really have grown up in faith and through Christian Education efforts applied in churches, schools and in families can be a provision for church residents so as not to fall into and be deceived by the concept of *entrepreneurship* which is





widely used by people secularly to reap unilateral benefits without seeing the needs and giving meaning to others.

When associated with the growth of poor people as a result of unemployment, lack of skills both academically, neglected human resources to inadequate employment has formed a *stereotype* for the wider community in *prejudice* that those who succeed have a lot of capital (capital), while those who are less or even unable will be displaced and unable to compete. Even though the market share is so wide that people must be really observant and proactive in taking existing opportunities.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Human beings in general focus more on the values of life, outward fulfillment, and it is considered commonplace in all walks of life. Absolute humans struggle in meeting all needs for the sake of their class of life both independently including their families. The fulfillment of human life is principally in 3 categories based on economic intensity, namely the fulfillment of primary, secondary and tertiary needs. In these needs there are basic needs that must also be considered and fulfilled as the main needs in daily life. So that humans strive with all their strength, the ability in the form of potential they have to find and get this fulfillment by working, trading, or managing natural resources.

In Christianity, we often find that there are still many Christians who do not understand and know correctly about entrepreneurship from the perspective of Christianity. *Entrepreneurship* is considered an outward thing and has nothing to do with Christian values. In fact, if we explore and explore the Bible accurately and hermeneutically, we find that many of us find that the hero is explicitly seen in which God mandated Adam and Eve to work and maintain the garden of Eden and its contents.

God gave the task of "working up" (*ābad*) and maintaining (*šāmar*) the garden to Adam and Eve which meant that man would work (physically) in managing the garden of Eden and its contents and at the same time as a form of worship to God. So if there is a human being who does not want to work or is not light-handed, he is not worshiping and is considered lazy. Laziness can be considered an abomination and a great sin in God's eyes because man hinders His work.

Proverbs 6:6-9 NIV

O idler, go to the ants, watch their conduct and be wise: even if there be no leader, ruler or ruler, he prepares his bread in summer, and gathers his food at harvest time.

The Bible makes this clear in 2 Thessalonians 3:10





For, also when we were among you, we gave you this warning: if a man does not want to work, let him not eat.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared beforehand. He wants us to live in it" (Ephesians 2:10). Christians are not saved by works, but their faith is proved by works (James 2:18, 26).

Because laziness is a great sin in God's eyes, therefore every human being, especially believers is required and obligated to maximize the potential that exists and has been given by God. Everyone who enters adulthood should be expected to play an active and effective role by developing themselves through mature behavior in daily life and society according to applicable norms and rules and become doers of the word and become examples to be imitated, and emulated. Everyone is required to use time and opportunity properly and effectively in developing existing potentials.

Laziness is not the divine nature and nature of believers as children of God. Therefore, through Christian Religious Education is always preached and educated both to church residents, students in schools and every element of believers in order to maximize the potential entrusted by God to him. Instilling the values of truth so that believers realize that they are created as perfect living beings, namely as images, likenesses and images of the Divine, must therefore work and be useful.

People must work hard because it is worship as a form of devotion to God through work and not standing idly by. Man must be responsible for meeting all his self-fulfilling needs while God blesses everything that man does. Man must work because he is God's co-worker.

1 Corinth 3:9

For we are co-workers of God; you are God's field, God's edifice.

3. RESEARCH METHOD

The writing of this article uses descriptive qualitative methods with an approach to library research based on the management of data and information from literature. The author also includes Bible sources, articles, books related to this research as other primary sources to find valid evidence for this research. The textual data were analyzed based on biblical data and then a comparative study was carried out with patterns of reasoning, induction and deduction. Critical analysis of the results of this study as logical reasoning against valid results that Christian Education perspective on *entrepreneurship* is supported in the Bible as human potential to be developed.





4. RESULT

4.1. Roles and Responsibilities of Christian Education

Christian Education is education that is consciously sought to students, church members, believers systematically to understand and understand the truth that leads them to know the true savior in the Lord Jesus Christ. Through Christian Education, a concrete form of preaching the message of salvation so that every believer knows Christ personally in order to experience a change of character and put on a new man to be returned to God's original plan of salvation.

Christian Education seeks to bring people together with God, therefore Christian Education serves as a conveyance of the truth revealed by God in the Bible, so that students, church members know and recognize the main beliefs of Christianity. Christians who conform to the pure gospel, are of the same mind and feeling as Christ will one day create superior human beings in the future. The struggle and work of Christians in the world must really salt and be a bright inspiration for others. Working in the field of *entrepreneurship* is an active work that must be developed into a business pattern in building a career that must be pursued.

Over time and the development of the times, the era of disruption accompanied by globalization and modernization, Christian Education provides space for the growth of faith of believers in developing and empowering themselves in order to achieve maximum and optimal results in competing in the *market place* as business people in fulfilling responsibilities and needs that continue to change as demands for independence in the economy. By working hard and entrepreneurship, blessings must be there for people who are diligent and do not stand idly by.

According to SISDIKNAS Law No.20 of 2003; Education is an effort made consciously and planned to create an atmosphere and learning process so that students are actively able to develop the potential that exists within them to have religious spiritual strength, good personality, self-control, noble character, intelligence, and skills needed by themselves and society.

A. N. Whitehead; The definition of education is as a guide to the individual towards an understanding of the art of life. According to him, the art of life is defined as the most complete achievement of various activities that express the potentials of living things vis-à-vis the actual environment.

Market place in the era of globalization and modernism demands fighting and proactive efforts from all walks of life. Therefore, there is no delay or patience, fighting





efforts starting from the middle to lower levels of society should take the initiative in developing potential according to existing rules and norms without disturbing and violating faith. Many things that are halal and useful can be used as a form of *entrepreneurship*.

Through Christian Education, every believer is reminded not to stand idly by and complain if they do not achieve sufficient daily needs. Laziness is a violation of God's plan and purpose for believers, which is for the good of His people. God gives potential power to Christians born on this earth to overcome their sinful nature to avoid prolonged deprivation. With this potential, humans are enabled to work and manage what they entrust, both managing natural resources and developing the potential of human resources in the fields they pursue.

The Church in this case has a role and responsibility towards its members so that they are always educated and guided in order to maximize their potential and be a blessing to others. Spiritual guidance through church activities should not only be in the form of contributing to the spiritual study of God's word but also must be able to open the horizons and paradigms of the congregation to work. Church entrepreneurship is as a development of the potential of community members so that they are empowered to maximize the potentials that exist and need to be explored. So that the church is not found by its congregation members who are poor or constrained in the economic squeeze.

The function, role and responsibility of the church is not only to grow the faith of its members, to mature their spirituality and faith but also to have a correlation and impact empowerment that holistically builds microeconomics through fostering, education, and socialization of potential development. Socialization of training, coaching even if necessary, the provision of funding cooperatives as business capital, entrepreneurial development and so on. Giving basic necessities can be done but cannot be applied forever because it will only make someone dependent and not independent. The church should give "hooks" not "bait" so that church members can be able to be independent and work.

Christian education in the church needs to carry out and provide curriculum development that refers to *entrepreneurship* for its church members to serve as guidance and evaluation. Through the curriculum provided, the church and through teaching staff are able to provide indicators, objectives and also evaluation materials as a form of learning process on *entrepreneurship* for church residents. Simulations through seminars, workshops and socialization of empowerment to church residents, be it at the level of Sunday school children, adolescent shoots, young adults and even parents who need information, education and empowerment enrichment about *entrepreneurs* as the use and development of human





resources in meeting the needs of human life even through *entrepreneurship* activities can create jobs.

PAK is the church's effort to foster the faith life of church citizens and all believers of all ages in various ways and forms, for example by teaching and training skills for the realization of Christian faith in their lives, whether PAK learning is carried out in the local church, in the family, as well as community and school contexts. The Church in this case cannot escape her responsibility. The church is called and responsible through PAK to help church citizens to find the living God; who is active in every event of life, experiences a change of mindset, lives by God's desired standard of holiness and manifests God's heart and mind through daily life.

Christian education in the church must protect and foster faith for its church members so that both in association and preparation for entering the age of marriage, adults have really grown up not only biologically but also in terms of spirituality and personal knowledge of God. Coaching classes need to be held through counseling and so on as a forum for sharing together and building each other. The Church must be able to construct persuasively both through liturgical worship and in formation classes.

To quote the statement, Henry Adam; "Holding hands, opening minds, touching hearts, shaping the future, an influential teacher forever, he never knows when his influence ends." This phrase will surely win in the hearts of educators because teachers must have very high integrity even above average. The Church, in this case, must be a role model – a living example for its students. Teachers are not limited to only teaching, guiding and nurturing but also able to be parents and friends for their students. The condition of students, especially before they enter adulthood, will really need their own figures who are relevant in their time and according to their views. If in adolescence, they imitate and imitate some people they consider popular, then in adulthood, they are no longer like adolescence but rather a matter of principle and relevant to the world and life they face. A reliable PAK teacher must be enthusiastic about his or her learners. In addition, it is gentle, and loving, patient and a part of the teacher's life.

Reliable teachers of Christian education must also improve the quality of productivity in terms of teaching, educating and orderly administration. PAK teachers in the church, for example, must be able to analyze the needs of the congregation, in this case the congregation can be saved from the life struggles they face, through the sensitivity of a PAK teacher in collecting data (recording), counseling and coaching. Seeing the complex needs of church residents, teachers of Christian Education, are able to create programs of activities,





formation and learning through technological advances and put forward what adults need to use as a means to reach and embrace them.

4.2 The Bible as a Guide to Life

The Bible is the word of God as the guide of the Christian life so everything that pertains to the pattern of life, conduct, and action must concretely be based on the truth of the word. Beyond that it is not pleasing to God or a violation of sin. In terms of its relationship with entrepreneurship, it is a phenomenology that is increasingly developing in all aspects, both secularly and penetrating into the ecclesiastical realm. But that does not mean *entrepreneurship* is something that is contrary to Christianity but as a form of contemporary perspective that does not violate the norms and values of faith as long as it is not a violation of Christian faith and ethics. Not selling in the church or doing business that makes unilateral profits or using church citizens to manipulate is a clear violation of faith and code of ethics as well as biblical principles. In this case, both pastors, elders, activists, ministers of God and educators must be absolutely pure in providing guidance and allocating *entrepreneurial* models to their church citizens. The church is not a place for trade but the church can contribute to the empowerment of economic values by establishing relationships between people as partners and building a *heavenly society* or network to build a community that blesses each other.

The Bible can be a guide for church members not to violate entrepreneurship so as to avoid seeking satisfaction and self-fulfillment but maximize potential and be a blessing to others. The Bible can be a light and open the horizons and paradigms of the Christian mind not to be selfish but to be salt and light to others. Through the truths of the gospel, every Christian can understand God's meaning and purpose so that people who have experienced the new birth may be a blessing to others and willing to be wine poured out and bread broken for others and God's work. The Bible as a guide to life in entrepreneurship, Christians when making a decision cannot be separated from the principles of faith.

5. CONCLUSION

When related to the realm of religious spirituality, in this case Christianity, then *entrepreneurship* is not something that is forbidden or considered a sin but must be empowered as a concrete form of one's faith. God Himself mandated the first man created to administer and care for the earth, and later in the New Testament, it is affirmed that the idler was not worthy of blessings.





So, *entrepreneurship* is a conscious and responsible effort that to fulfill survival, not only faith but also must strive and be active in striving as a living and dynamic form of faith. So that humans are required to have skills, competencies and develop the potential entrusted as a capacity that must be developed and empowered for others holistically.

The perspective of Christian Education on *entrepreneurship* and its correlation in the Bible through researchers should have found new findings that it turns out that the world of *entrepreneurship* is not a stumbling block for Christians because the Bible clearly supports that Christians should actively work and work on nature and manage it but should not be bound to the desire to become rich because they just want to satisfy their desires meat. The Bible also does not explicitly mention *entrepreneurship*, but every believer should value His creation to be managed, empowered and human empowering for the common good.

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