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Divorced Families According to I Corinthians 7:10-16 and the Spiritual Development of Children from Broken Home

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Abstract.

Children who grow up in broken households may face psychological challenges, particularly in terms of character and thinking. The youngsters alluded to here range in age from infants to teenagers and adults. The goal of this article is to clarify Paul's perspective on divorce in I Corinthians 7:10-16, to examine the impact of divorce on children who come from broken households, and to offer advice and techniques for parents in helping their children. If the family divorces, the spiritual growth of the children suffers. The library research approach was utilized to acquire data from journals, books, and e-books that contained the major theme of this article. According to the findings of the study, Paul's perspective on divorce and its influence on children from broken homes states that it is critical to maintain marital fidelity as a foundation for providing a stable and safe environment for children's spiritual growth. Divorce can alter children's beliefs and values, raising issues about the meaning and purpose of life in the context of their spiritual growth.

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1. INTRODUCTION

When their parents divorce, it is the children who suffer the most. When parents divorce, children fear that they will not receive the love of their father and mother, who do not reside in the same house. School achievement will suffer, and youngsters will want to be alone [1]. Children in broken households frequently feel mental distress, so it is not uncommon for them to exhibit poor social behavior. One of the reasons why youngsters have difficulty at school is because their family is fractured [2].

Families are often made up of a father, a mother, and their offspring. Parents are father and mother to their children. In real life, however, we frequently encounter families in which one of the parents is not there. This is referred to as a one parent family. Single parents are parents who raise their children without their partner's presence, assistance, or responsibility. Everyone never wants to be a single parent; having a whole family is

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everyone's desire, but fate has other plans. In reality, ideal conditions are not always possible to sustain or realize. Due to a variety of circumstances, many parents care for, nurture, and educate their own children. Cases of single parents owing to divorce or the loss of a partner are common all throughout the world, including Indonesia [3].

Children who grow up in a broken household are more likely to experience unfavorable characteristics such as their conduct and spirituality. [4]. A broken home is a circumstance in which a family is not intact because family life is discordant and results in divorce. According to 1 Corinthians 7:10-16, divorce is not wanted by God. Paul advises that divorce should be avoided as much as possible, and that if a couple divorces, they should remain unmarried or reconcile with one other. [5]. The rising divorce rate in Indonesia demonstrates that the quality of family life is deteriorating. [6]. In Christianity, Jesus taught that anyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, as does anyone who marries a woman whose husband divorces her. Paul highlights the significance of upholding the sanctity of marriage and pursuing the couple's redemption. If an unbeliever couple separates, they are not oppressed and may just leave them alone. Divorce is one of the most common home failures, and it has a detrimental impact on children.

Children who grow up in broken households may face psychological challenges, particularly in terms of character and thinking. According to Hikmah, life in a broken home family will influence the child's self-understanding as the image and likeness of God, life as a Christian family, and how to execute Christian faith values. Spirituality gives life and has a sacred significance in relation to God. The organism dies physically and mentally in the absence of spirituality. Spirituality must be established since it is a crucial facet of human life, particularly for children who are victims of broken households. Children must be taught spiritual education so that they understand the true meaning of life, the purpose of existence, and the presence of God in their lives [7].

Divorce can have a significant impact on the spiritual development of children from broken homes. Anxiety, despair, and anger are all symptoms of emotional discomfort in children [8]. They may also suffer with relationship formation and maintenance, as well as academic and behavioral performance concerns [9]. In addition, divorce can have a negative impact on a child's spiritual growth and can result in a loss of faith. Therefore, it is important for parents to consider the impact of divorce on their children and seek support and guidance to minimize the negative impact. Parents must also have an attitude of affection and understanding to children, teach and develop children's spiritual life, therefore parents must be able to know their children. Parents must motivate

children to continuously struggle in learning, in order to arouse the interest and mentality of “*broken home*” children. Parents should play an important role in educating, teaching, and supervising their children in their spiritual development.

What is meant by “*broken home*” is a family situation where parents divorce or separate, and children live with only one parent or separate between their parents. In the context of Christian education, the impact of *a broken home* on a child’s spiritual development is an interesting topic (Rajagukguk et al., 2022). According to [11] *Broken home* is a situation and condition of the family that no longer has harmony as expected by many people. A peaceful, harmonious and prosperous household can no longer be obtained because of the commotion that causes problems that do not find common ground between husband and wife. *Broken home* can be seen from the aspect of the structure of completeness of family elements. Incomplete family structure due to death factors and disturbances in the family structure. Divorce cases in the household are also commonly known as *broken homes*. The consequences of *a broken home* are certainly very influential on the relationship between parents and children both in terms of communication, mental, psychological and children’s education. The children referred to here range from childhood, teenagers to adults. When the relationship between parents and children is good, then happiness will be fully obtained by the child.

Harmony in the family is very important for the education and formation of the child’s character. *Broken homes* can adversely affect a child’s spiritual development [9]. Christian education can play an important role in providing spiritual guidance and support to families going through divorce or separation (Rajagukguk et al., 2022). Christian education can also help fill the spiritual void that may exist in children who come from *broken homes* [13].

Happiness is hope for everyone including children. However, divorce between both parents can also have an impact on a child’s happiness (Rajagukguk et al., 2022). The aspect of happiness is a fun, meaningful, and interesting life. Divorce between both parents can cause a child to be angry, upset and hopeless when his parents divorce for unreasonable reasons. As a result of the divorce, parents cannot live in one house with their children and this can also affect the pattern of communication between parents to their children. Most parents, both fathers and mothers who do not live in the same house with their children in “*broken home*” families adhere to a pattern of communication freedom. This condition ultimately affects the child’s psyche so that children who are victims of *broken homes* have been damaged in the sense of being affected by the

negative things they like. Therefore, communication is very necessary in the relationship between parents and children [14].

Pastors and teachers can play an important role in supporting children from *broken homes*. They can provide spiritual guidance and counseling to help children cope with the challenges of broken families [15]. Children from broken *homes* may exhibit certain behaviors caused by their family situation. For example, one study found that children from *broken homes* at certain schools exhibited more aggressive behavior than children from intact families [16].

In summary, broken *homes* can have a negative impact on a child's spiritual development, and Christian education can play an important role in providing spiritual guidance and support to families going through divorce or separation. Pastors and teachers can also play an important role in supporting children from *broken homes*.

The purpose of this article is to explain Paul's view of divorce according to I Corinthians 7:10-16, to analyze the impact of divorce on children from *broken homes* and to provide advice and strategies for parents in assisting their children in spiritual development if the family goes through divorce.

2. METHODS

The library research approach was utilized to acquire data from journals, books, and e-books that contained the major theme of this article. The information gathered was then examined qualitatively. The impact of divorce on children from broken homes is studied using a qualitative method. The data examined includes Paul's thoughts on divorce in I Corinthians 7:10-16, as well as the consequences of divorce on children from broken households. As they grow older, youngsters become more tolerant in cases where the spirit of the rule stays intact, and harsher in cases when the spirit is disregarded [17]. The findings of the analysis are then used to make recommendations and tactics for parents to assist their children in spiritual growth if the family goes through divorce.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Based on *library research* methods, it was found that Paul's view of divorce according to I Corinthians 7:10-16 is that divorce is not God's will and that believing couples should still live in faithfulness to God if divorce occurs. The impact of divorce on children from

broken homes includes emotional, social, and spiritual instability. Research conducted by [18] shows that a *broken home* can affect a child's spiritual and social behavior. In addition, research conducted by [19] shows that teenagers from *broken homes* often do not get support and attention from their parents. This expedient, even counterintuitive ideal, has caused consternation among practitioners and allowed for some significant policy shifts [20].

Based on the results of the analysis, it is suggested that parents should consider the impact of divorce on their children and strive to keep the family harmonious and happy. If divorce occurs, parents should still live in faithfulness to God and strive to assist their children in spiritual development. Some strategies that can be done are to provide emotional and social support to children, strengthen relationships with children, and help children to understand concepts about God and religion. The staff's attempt to exert control in areas of the pupils' lives where they expect autonomy, such as their behavior outside of school, fuels the tension between students and teachers [21].

In research conducted by [19], it was found that adolescents who come from *broken homes* can develop high resilience. Therefore, parents can also help their children to develop high resilience in order to face difficult situations and strengthen themselves. Children learn to be non-religious, and the various processes involved in the construction of non-religious identities are discussed [22].

In conclusion, divorce has a huge impact on children who come from *broken homes*. Therefore, parents should consider the impact of divorce on their children and strive to assist their children in spiritual development. In this case, parents can provide emotional and social support to children, strengthen relationships with children, help children to understand concepts about God and religion, and help children to develop high resilience.

4. CONCLUSION

The conclusion that can be drawn from the discussion of Paul's views on divorce and its impact on children from Broken Home families is that it is important to maintain fidelity in marriage as a foundation for creating a stable and safe environment for children's spiritual development. This viewpoint can serve as a model for parents to instill strong religious and moral values in their children, thereby contributing to the development of children's character by understanding the meaning of commitment,

loyalty, and responsibility in marital relationships and children's spiritual lives. child. Divorce can alter children's beliefs and values, raising issues about the meaning and purpose of life in the context of their spiritual growth. In order to assist children find purpose and support in their life after divorce, parents may take tangible efforts such as open and honest communication, fostering a stable and safe atmosphere, and including children in religious or spiritual activities. As a result, parents can play an essential role in assisting children in overcoming the impact of divorce on the spiritual component of the kid.

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