



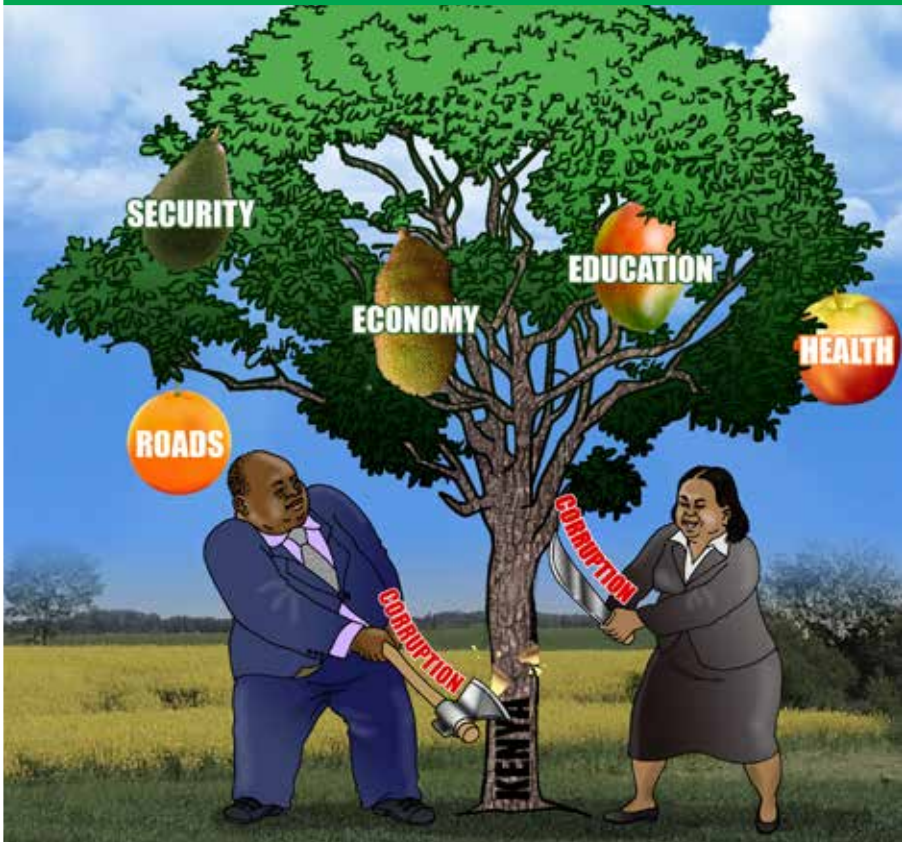
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FAITH COMMUNITIES AGAINST CORRUPTION

Anti-Corruption Messages Supported by Scriptures





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BACKGROUND

The National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee (NACCSC) is established under the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice vide Kenya Gazette Notice No. 6707 of September 19, 2014. It is mandated to undertake a nationwide public education, sensitisation and awareness creation campaign against corruption aimed at bringing fundamental changes in the attitudes, behaviour, practices and culture of Kenyans towards corruption. The campaign is mainly targeted at fully empowering the public to deal with corruption.

The Inter-Religious Council of Kenya (IRCK) is a coalition of the main faith communities in Kenya that mobilises their joint efforts to address shared common concerns through inter-faith dialogue and collaboration. The IRCK comprises the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops General Secretariat, the National Council of Churches of Kenya, the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Organisation of African Instituted Churches, the Evangelical Alliance of Kenya, the Supreme Council of Kenyan Muslims, the National Muslim Leaders Forum and the Hindu Council of Kenya. It is these coordinating bodies at the national level that facilitate IRCK's interaction with religious leaders from their respective faith communities in the country.

The National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee (NACCSC) and the Inter-Religious Council of Kenya (IRCK) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on **April 8, 2014** to enhance collaboration between the two parties in implementing activities aimed at promoting the fight against corruption in Kenya. It is also aimed at facilitating the development of strategies and mechanisms for providing public research, education, sensitisation and awareness creation on anti-corruption for a corrupt free Kenya.

It is against this background that the "Faith Communities against Corruption booklet" has been developed. The content of the booklet is informed by a wide range of issues emerging from deliberations on the root causes of corruption in our nation and the role of Religious Leaders in the fight against corruption. A 12 member subcommittee comprising technical experts from the main faith communities in Kenya analysed these issues in consultation with various stakeholders throughout the country. The booklet will be disseminated to congregation leaders in every corner of nation through the Religious Coordinating Bodies (RCBs).

PREFACE

The *Faith Communities Against Corruption* booklet was developed through a partnership between the National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee (NACCSC) and the Inter-Religious Council of Kenya (IRCK), which is the umbrella body of the main faith-based organisations in Kenya. The booklet contains anti-corruption messages founded on the Holy Books, namely the Bible, the Koran and the Gita. It is the first such document to be developed for use on all religious platforms, bringing out what the Holy Scriptures say about the serious vice of corruption.

On April 8, 2015, the IRCK and the NACCSC signed a partnership agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) in the fight against corruption. The development of this booklet is part of the implementation of the agreement and reflects, in a very powerful way, the depth of the strategic relationship between the two institutions.

We all appreciate that Kenya has a corruption problem, which only Kenyans themselves can solve. Kenyans are a religious people and the important position that religious institutions occupy in society cannot be understated. These institutions have the platform and enjoy massive trust by their adherents. They are also the custodians of the society's moral values. It is, therefore, important that religious leaders should, at all times,

continue to preach against corruption, promote ethical behaviour, embrace and practice societal values.

This booklet was developed by a team of selected scholars of religion and collates various scripture messages. The messages will form the basis of a relentless anti-corruption campaign in Kenya by the religious institutions through their leaders. The IRCK will play a leading role in the implementation. The clergy will be involved and are expected to play a critical role in disseminating these messages through the readily available platforms and other channels. They will, therefore, find the booklet invaluable as they endeavour to disseminate the anti-corruption messages to the faithful.

The anti-corruption messages contained in the booklet demonstrate that the Almighty God does not, and has never, approved the vice, hence the appeal to all the faithful to shun and take action against it. The problem of corruption can be greatly minimised if all the faithful strictly follow the scriptures and become their brother's keeper.

The desire by the NACCSC to attain attitudinal and behavioural change, as a means of fighting corruption, will now be ultimately achieved through this campaign and with support of all religious institutions. We hope these anti-corruption messages will have a positive impact on the quality of the life of all Kenyans.

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CHAIRMAN, IRCK

ABBREVIATIONS

EACC	Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
EAK	Evangelical Alliance of Kenya
HCK	Hindu Council of Kenya
IFN	Inter-Faith Network
IRCK	Inter-Religious Council of Kenya
KCCB	Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops
KWFN	Kenya Women of Faith Network
NACCSC	National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee
NAMLEF	National Muslim Leaders' Forum
NCCK	National Council of Churches of Kenya
NIV	New International Version
OAIC	Organisation of African Instituted Churches
PBUH	Peace Be Upon Him
RCB	Religious Coordinating Body
RA	Radhiya Alaahu 'anhu i.e. May Allah's blessings be upon him
S.A.W.	Salla llahu 'alay-hi wa-sallam
SDA	Seventh Day Adventist
SUPKEM	Supreme Council of Kenyan Muslims
SWT	Subhaanahuu wa ta'aalaa i.e. Glorified is Him
YIFN	Youth Inter-faith Network





THE SIX KEY ISSUES FOR ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN

1. Inadequate preaching/teaching against corruption by the faith communities.

2. Branding and labelling corruption with sweet “nick-names”.

3. Our nation is being destroyed by greed.

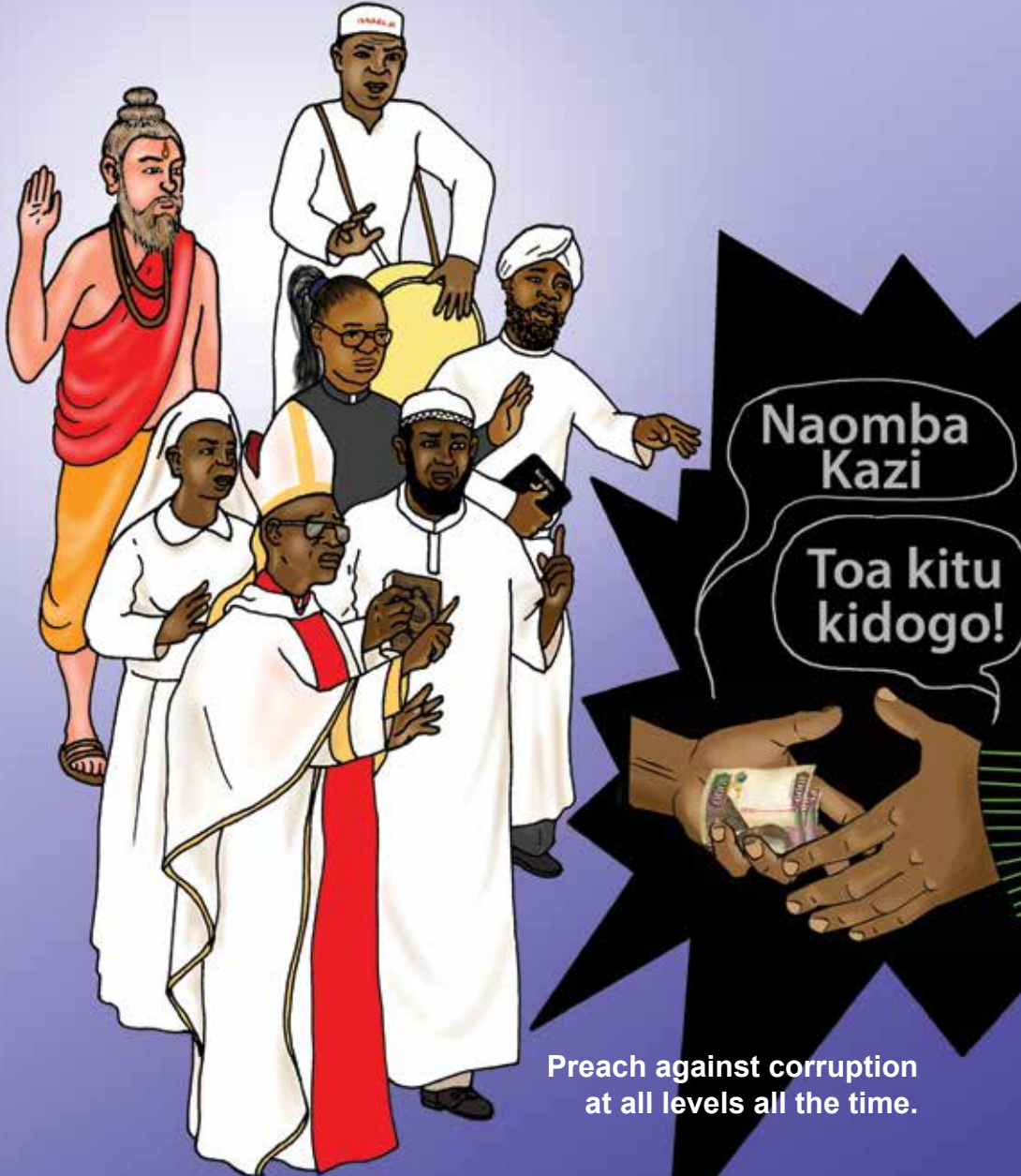
4. Lack of patriotism in exposing and fighting corruption.

5. Unfairness and injustices in our nation resulting from corruption.

6. Continuous engagement in corruption in total disregard of God’s presence.

ISSUE 1:

INADEQUATE PREACHING/TEACHING AGAINST CORRUPTION BY THE FAITH COMMUNITIES



Preach against corruption at all levels all the time.

1.0 Introduction

Kenya was ranked 139th most corrupt country out of 167 countries in the world (Transparency International, 2015). Corruption is generally the abuse of power or authority for personal benefit. It is dishonest conduct by those in power characterised by, inter alia, theft of public resources, favouritism and bribery. Corruption is a moral issue and Kenyans are agreed that it is not good, is evil and bad. They also agree that something should be done about it, hence the need for religious leaders to preach and teach against the vice.

1.1 Current situation

Article 10 of the Constitution provides for National Values and Principles of Governance. National Values are beliefs of a nation that guide the actions and behaviour of its citizens. However, these values have neither been embraced nor practised by Kenyans, allowing corruption to flourish in the society.

1.2 Rationale

Despite a large percentage of Kenyans ascribing to a specific religion, whose Holy Scriptures teach against corruption, the vice persists. This calls for intensification of teachings against corruption among the faithful — and from an early age — to influence behaviour change. Further, if all Kenyans embrace and practice the values and principles of governance as provided in the Constitution, corruption levels would greatly reduce over time.

1.3 Misconceptions

1.3.1 Children are not corrupt hence do not need to be sensitised on how to fight the vice.

1.3.2 The fight against corruption should be left to the Government and established institutions.

1.3.3 The values system is outdated (not cool) and has no place in modern day society.

1.4 Correct practices to be promoted

1.4.1 Embrace and practice the teachings of the Holy Scriptures and the National Values.

1.4.2 Teach against corruption at all levels at all times.

1.4.3 Fight against corruption at all levels at all times.

1.4.4 Teachers and preachers should lead an exemplary life.

1.5 Key messages

1.5.1 Gaining riches through corrupt deeds is evil in the eyes of God and is offensive to the community.

1.5.2 Your businesses can be successful without engaging in corrupt deeds.

1.5.3 Giving and receiving bribes is corruption and is evil.



**“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”
(Luke 12:15)**

1.6 Scriptural references for key messages

1. Gaining riches through corrupt deeds is evil in the eyes of God

1.6.1 Christian scripture

1. Better to be poor and honest than rich and a cheat. (Proverbs 28:6)
2. A gift given in secret soothes anger, and a bribe concealed in the cloak pacifies great wrath. (Proverbs 21:14)
3. Then he said to them: “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” (Luke 12:15)

1.6.2 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) says: “Then, on that Day, you shall be asked about the delight (You indulged in, in this world).” (Qur’an 102:8)
2. We will be asked in the Day of Judgment about five things. The prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) said: “The son of Adam will not pass away from Allah until he is asked about five things: how he lived his life, and how he utilised his youth, with what means did he earn his wealth, how did he spend his wealth, and what did he do with his knowledge.” {Hadith reported by Imam At-Tirmidhy}
3. Allah (S.W.T.) describes that Day in what could be translated as: “On the Day when every person will be confronted with all the good he has done, and all the evil he has done, he will wish that there were a great distance between him and his evil.” (Qur’an 3: 30)

2. Getting rich through corrupt deals is offensive to the community

1.6.3 Christian scripture

1. Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, for the LORD will take up their case and will exact life for life. (Proverbs 22:22-23)

2. Your rulers are rebels, partners with thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts. They do not defend the cause of the fatherless; the widow's case does not come before them. Therefore, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, the Mighty One of Israel, declares: "Ah! I will vent my wrath on my foes and avenge myself on my enemies." (Isaiah 1:23-24)

3. In you are people who accept bribes to shed blood; you take interest and make a profit from the poor. You extort unjust gain from your neighbours. And you have forgotten me, declares the Sovereign LORD. 'I will surely strike my hands together at the unjust gain you have made and at the blood you have shed in your midst'. (Ezekiel 22:12-13)

1.6.4 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) says: "And recall when Moses prayed for water for his people. We said: "Strike the rock with your staff." Thereupon twelve springs gushed out from it, and each tribe recognised its drinking-place. "Eat and drink from God's provision, and do not corrupt the earth with disobedience." (Qur'an 2: 60)

2. "And do not defraud people of their belongings, and do not work corruption in the land." (Qur'an 26: 183)

3. "Evil (sins and disobedience to

Allah) has appeared on land and sea because of what the hands of men have earned (by oppression and evil deeds), that He (Allah) may make them taste a part of that which they have done, in order that they may return (by repenting to Allah, and begging His Pardon)." (Qur'an 30: 41)

3. Your businesses can be successful without engaging in corrupt deeds

1.6.5 Christian scripture

1. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew. 6:33)

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2. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. (Ephesians. 4:28)

3. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favouritism. (Colossians 3:23-25)

1.6.6 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) says: “O you who believe! Do not consume each other’s wealth illicitly, but trade by mutual consent. And do not kill yourselves, for God is merciful towards you”. (Qur’an 4: 29)

2. “And do not throw yourselves into destruction by your own hands, and do good. Truly, Allah loves the good-doers”. (Qur’an 2: 195)

3. He said: “O my people, have you considered? What if I have clear evidence from my Lord, and He has given me good livelihood from Himself? I have no desire to do what I forbid you from doing. I desire nothing but reform, as far as I can. My success lies only with God. In Him I trust, and to Him I turn.” (Qur’an 11:85)



4. Giving and receiving bribes is corruption and is evil

1.6.7 Christian scripture

1. Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the innocent. (Deuteronomy 16:19)

2. “Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent. Exodus 23:8

1.6.8 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) says: “And do not consume one another’s wealth by unjust means, nor offer it as bribes to the officials in order to consume part of other people’s wealth illicitly, while you know”. (Qur’an 2: 188)

2. The Prophet (S.A.W) said: “The curse of Allah is upon the one who offers a bribe and the one who takes it.” (Hadith: Ibn-Majah and At-Tirmidhy)

3. The Prophet (PBUH) said: “Allah does not punish the individuals for the sins of the community until they see the evil spreading among themselves, and while they have the power to stop it, do not do so.” (Hadith: Ahmad)

1.6.9 Hindu scripture

1. We should always be honest and never take bribes for doing our work. (Swaminarayan Bhagwan Shikshapatri)

2. Whatever wealth and material assets God has given you according to your destiny, enjoy it and never envy or covet someone else’s wealth or assets. (Isopanishad)

3. Corruption comes up when one gives up four qualities- Mercy, trustfulness, austerity and cleanliness.

When one gives up the above four qualities give birth to

- Mercy-violence
- Trustfulness- dirty money
- Austerity- intoxications
- Cleanliness- illicit sex

Corruption is a disease of the mind therefore one has to change his consciousness. Except varnashrama system (society which has four classes –intellect, administrators, mercantile men and laborers) government is to be led by trained administrators who are guided by intellectuals. Administrators are the army, the police force and civil servants. They should be highly prestigious people. Until all classes of men don’t serve/ fear God this disease of corruption cannot go.

(Bhagavad Gita chapter 4 verses 13 and chapter 18 verses 41-46.)



APPLICATIONS:

1. All religious leaders have a responsibility to preach and teach against corruption, right from madrassas and Sunday schools.

2. All parents and guardians have a role to instill good values and morals in children from an early age.

3. Every person should be a role model in fighting corruption.

ISSUE 2:

BRANDING AND LABELLING CORRUPTION
WITH SWEET “NICK-NAMES”



Hongo ni ufisadi sio chai.

2.0 Introduction

Corruption has permeated all sectors of the society and diverts resources meant for the public good. It is theft, since it is the unlawful taking of other people's property with the intention of not returning it. Anybody who engages in corruption is a thief, not any different from a person who steals other people's property. Theft goes against the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

2.1 Current situation

Theft of public resources (embezzlement) is prevalent in Kenya at 59.1 per cent (EACC, 2015) and affects all spheres. In education for example, theft of national examinations material is the norm, a vice perpetrated through collusion between parents, teachers and pupils/students. The corrupt are referred to as “businessmen”, “activists” and “private developers” instead of simply being called thieves.

2.2 Rationale

Though a crime like any other, corruption is treated differently as it does not necessarily have a complainant, especially where what is normally at stake are public resources. The corrupt deploy the ill-gotten public resources to circumvent mechanisms for holding them to account. Corruption has been sugar-coated and those involved portrayed as heroes, particularly those who have manoeuvred their way to leadership positions, effectively glorifying the vice. The cure lies in

the faithful accepting that corruption has no dignity, is outright theft of public resources and robs them of the services and development they are entitled to.

2.3 Misconceptions

- 2.3.1 Corruption is a way of life and stealing is a normal practice.
- 2.3.2 Theft is beneficial as it gives one wealth without sweating for it.
- 2.3.3. Stealing is working ‘smart’.

2.4 Correct practices to be promoted

- 2.4.1 Prevent corruption from occurring in the first place.
- 2.4.2 Label corruption as theft and those that are corrupt as thieves.
- 2.4.3 Faithfully practice honesty and integrity.
- 2.4.4 Eradicate corruption because it is against God's command.

2.5 Key messages

- 2.4.5 Stealing is against God's commandments.
- 2.4.6 The days of a thief are numbered.
- 2.4.7 Wealth gained through stealing is destructive.

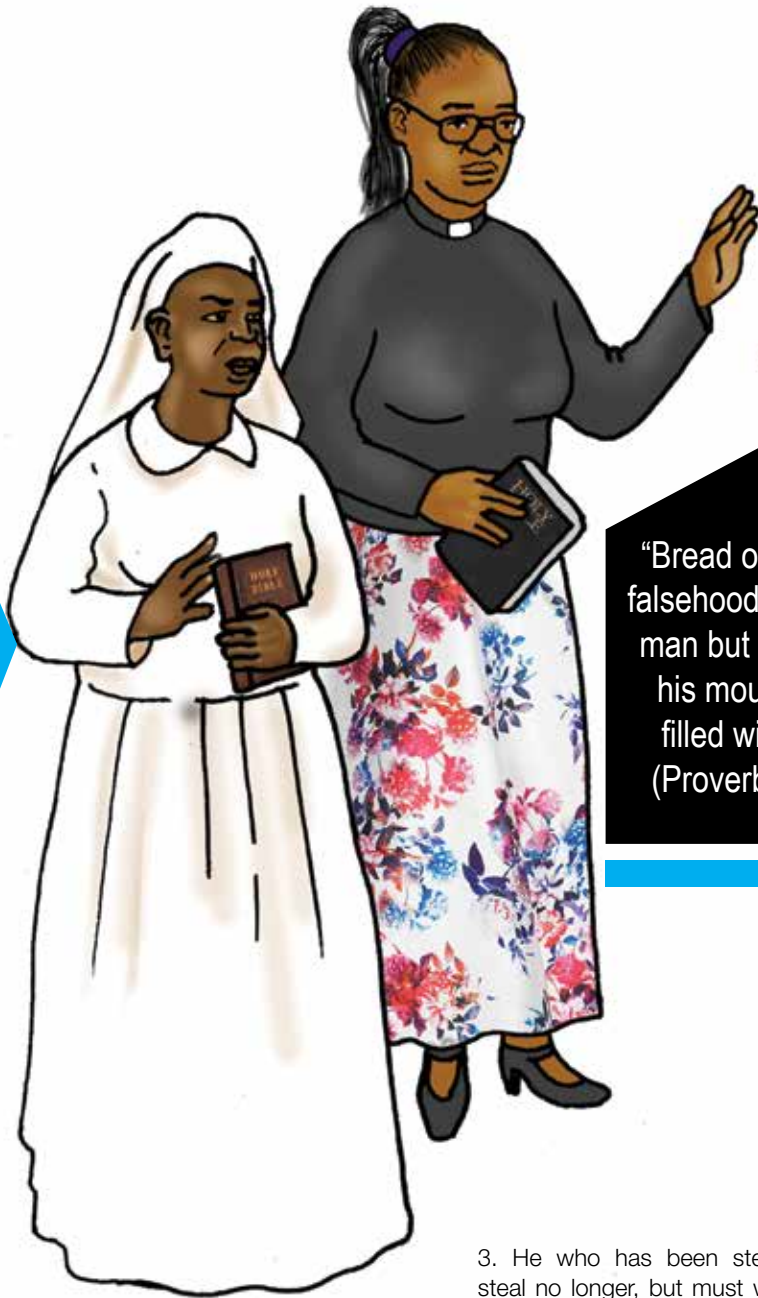
2.6 Scriptural references for key messages

1. Stealing is against the commandments of God

2.6.1 Christian scripture

1. “You shall not steal.” (Exodus 20:15)
2. “Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another.” (Leviticus 19:11)





“Bread obtained by falsehood is sweet to man but afterwards his mouth will be filled with gravel (Proverbs 20:17)”

3. He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. (Ephesians 4:28)

2.6.2 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W) says: “And do not defraud people of their belongings, and do not work corruption in the land.” (Qur’an 26: 183)
2. “And O my people! Give full measure and weight in justice and reduce not the things that are due to the people, and do not commit mischief in the land, causing corruption”. (Qur’an 11:85)
3. “O you who believe! Do not consume each other’s wealth illicitly, but trade by mutual consent. And do not kill yourselves, for God is Merciful towards you.” (Qur’an 4: 29)

2.6.3 Hindu scripture

1. A Vaishnavjan is the one who never utters a lie and never takes money that is not his. (Narsinh Mehta)
2. Our members who do satsang should never steal anything in the name of religious ritual so must never pick flowers, wood, etc without getting permission from the owner. (Bhagwan Swaminarayan Shikshapatri)

2. The days of a thief are numbered

2.6.4 Christian scripture

1. But the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming. (Psalms 37:13)
2. But his sons did not walk in his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice. So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him: “You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us,

such as all the other nations have.” (1 Samuel 8:3-5)

2.6.5 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) says: “And warn them of the Day of Imminence, when the hearts are at the throats, choking them. The evildoers will have no intimate friend, and no intercessor to be obeyed.” (Qur’an 40: 18)
2. “And whoever has done an atom’s weight of evil will see it.” (Qur’an 99: 8)
3. “...Indeed, your Lord is in observation.” (Qur’an 89:14)

3. Wealth gained through stealing is destructive

2.6.6 Christian scripture

1. Bread obtained by falsehood is sweet to man but afterwards his mouth will be filled with gravel (Proverbs 20:17).
2. Extortion turns a wise man into a fool, and a bribe corrupts the heart (Ecclesiastes 7:7).
3. Then he said to them: “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” (Luke 12:15)

2.6.7 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) says: “Or are We to treat those who believe and do righteous deeds like those who make trouble on earth? Or are We to treat the pious like the shameless?” (Qur’an 38: 28)

2. "And whatever of misfortune befalls you, it is because of what your hands have earned. And He pardons much." (Qur'an 42:30)

3. "Evil (sins and disobedience to Allah) has appeared on land and sea because of what the hands of men have earned, (by oppression and evil deeds), that He (Allah) may make them taste a part of that which they have done, in order that they may return (by repenting to Allah, and begging His Pardon)." (Qur'an 30: 41)



"No man will get bliss
with money or riches.
(Kathopanishad)"



APPLICATIONS:

1. We should not promote corruption by sugarcoating it.
2. We should identify all the sweet “nick-names” of corruption and label them as evil.
3. Every corrupt person should be exposed and dealt with according to the established laws.

ISSUE 3:

OUR NATION IS BEING DESTROYED BY GREED



Corruption is a threat to our nation.

3.0 Introduction

Greed is characterised by excessive and insatiable desire for wealth, status or power. Greedy people seek to acquire by any means and possess much more wealth than they need. If a significant percentage of people in positions that may provide opportunities to be corrupt are greedy, it is dangerous for any nation since there cannot be enough resources in the whole world to satisfy an individual's greed.



3.1 Current situation in Kenya

According to the National Ethics and Corruption Survey, 2015 (EACC, 2015), greed is cited as the leading cause of corruption, at 62.1 per cent, in the public service. The situation is further compounded by the Kenyan culture of glorifying people who appear seemingly wealthy, even though it is common knowledge that the wealth was corruptly acquired.

3.2 Rationale

Greed, if not checked, can bring down an economy. Greed also hampers effective delivery of public services and development. Corruption, which is motivated greed, will decrease if measures to combat the vice are implemented by the Government, with the citizens' support and teaching the faithful to avoid greed.

3.3 Misconceptions

3.3.1 Accumulating wealth is a mark of wellbeing in the society.

3.3.2 Acquisition of wealth by any means is acceptable.

3.4 Correct practices to be promoted

3.4.1 Respect people, regardless of their economic status.

3.4.2 Eat from your sweat.

3.5 Key messages

3.5.1 Corruption endangers an entire nation.

3.5.2 Greed and materialism destroy family relationships and the society.

3.5.3 All wealth gained on this earth will perish.

3.6 Scriptural references for key messages

1. Corruption endangers the entire nation

3.6.1 Christian scripture

1. By justice, a king gives a country stability, but those who are greedy for bribes tear it down. (Proverbs 29:4)

2. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

3. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:33-34)

3.6.2 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) says: "Evil (sins and disobedience to Allah) has appeared on land and sea because of what the hands of men have earned (by oppression and evil deeds), that He (Allah) may make them taste a part of that which they have done, in order that they may return (by repenting to Allah, and begging His Pardon)." (Qur'an 30: 41)

2. "Verily Allah will not change the



"A greedy man brings trouble to his family, but he who hates bribes will live. (Proverbs 15:27)"

condition of a people unless they change their state themselves ...” (Qur’an 13:11)

3. “That is because God would never change a blessing He has bestowed on a people unless they change what is within themselves, and because God is Hearing and Knowing.”(Qur’an 8: 53)

2. Greed and materialism destroy family relationships and the society

3.6.3 Christian scripture

1. A greedy man brings trouble to his family, but he who hates bribes will live. (Proverbs 15:27)

2. Then he said to them: “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” (Luke 12:15)

3. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping. (2 Peter 2:3)

3.6.4 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.) says: “...God does not change the condition of a people until they change what is within themselves. And if God wills any hardship for a people, there is no turning it back; and apart from Him they have no protector.” (Qur’an 13:11)

2. “And recall when Moses prayed for water for his people. We said: “Strike the rock with your staff.” Thereupon twelve springs gushed out from it, and each tribe

recognised its drinking-place. “Eat and drink from God’s provision, and do not corrupt the earth with disobedience.” (Qur’an 2:60)

3. “And remember how He made you successors after Aad, and settled you in the land. You make for yourselves mansions on its plains, and carve out dwellings in the mountains. So remember God’s benefits, and do not roam the earth corruptingly.” (Qur’an 7:74)

3.6.5 Hindu scripture

1. Lust, anger and greed/ avarice destroy one’s soul and are the three gates to hell and should be discarded from one’s life. (Bhagavad Gita)

2. Greed is the root of all evil and sins. (Pramukh Swami Maharaj)

3. All wealth gained on this earth will perish

3.6.6 Christian scripture

1. Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. (Ecclesiastes 5:10)

2. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. (Colossians 3:5)

3. Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 19:23)

3.6.7 Islamic scripture

1. “Everyone upon it [i.e., the earth] will perish. And there will remain the Face

of your Lord, Owner of Majesty and Honour.” (Qur’an 55:26-27)

2. “Everything will be destroyed except His Face. His is the judgment, and to Him you will be returned.” (Qur’an 28:88)

3. “But as for he who is given his record in his left hand, he will say: “Oh, I wish I had not been given my record. And had not known what is my account. I wish it [i.e., my death] had been the decisive one. My wealth has not availed me. Gone from me is my authority.” (Qur’an 69:25–29)

3.6.8 Hindu scripture

1. Do not desire material things because they will be destroyed. One who loves his body must know that one day, the body will also die. (Swaminarayan Bhagwan)

2. A person can have 10 or 20 lakh rupees but should know he will not be able to take it with him when he dies. Even with all that money he will be able to eat the same as another person with less money. So just have enough for your needs and use. (Aksharbrahma Gunatitanand Swami)

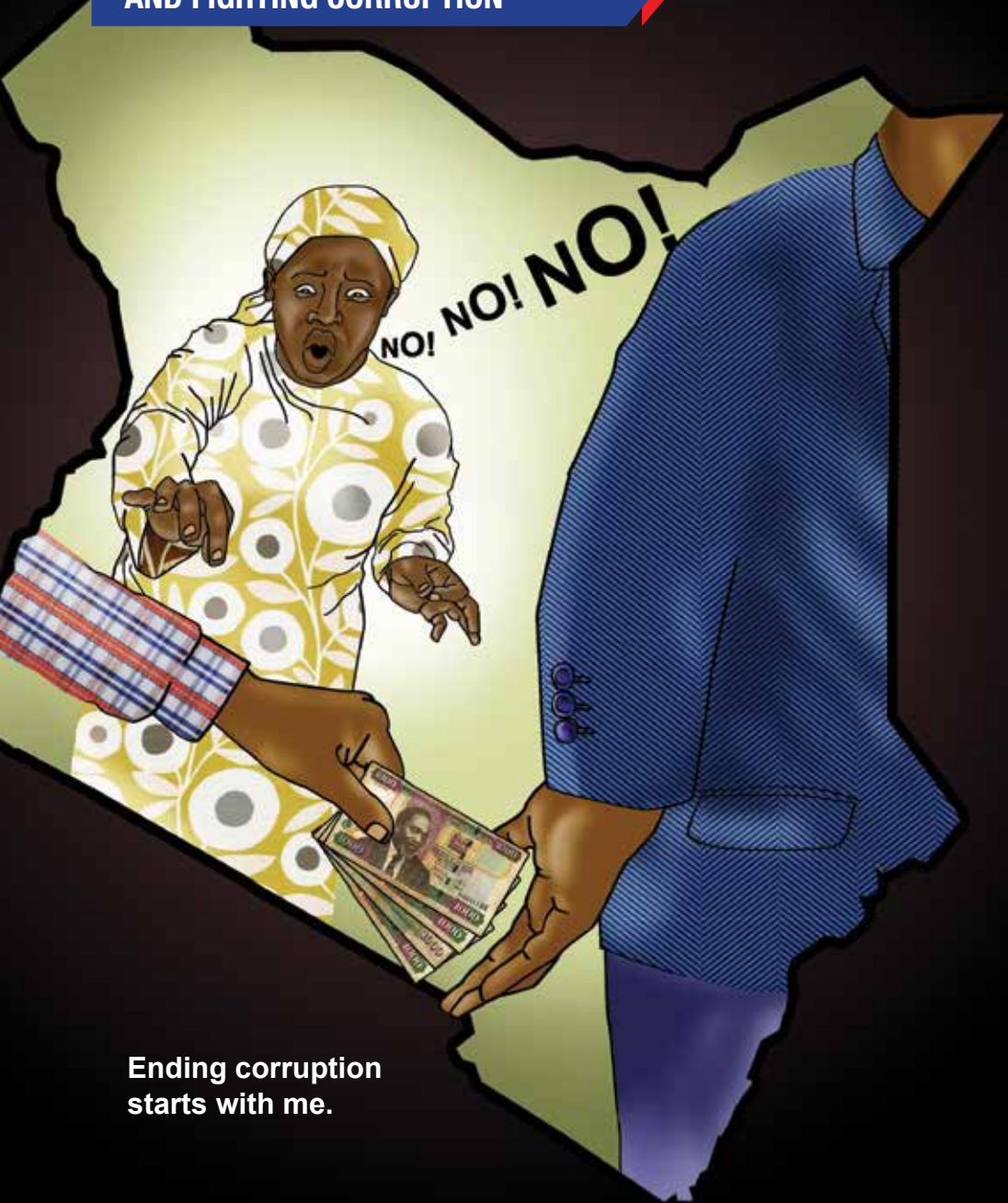


APPLICATIONS:

1. Work hard and be content with what you have.
2. Do not supplement your wealth with gains from corruption.
3. Every person should desist from greed for a corrupt free nation.

ISSUE 4:

LACK OF PATRIOTISM IN EXPOSING
AND FIGHTING CORRUPTION



Ending corruption
starts with me.

4.0 Introduction

Chapter 10 of the Constitution lists Patriotism as the first National Value. A patriot is a person who vigorously supports his country and is prepared to defend it against enemies or detractors. A patriotic faithful is highly unlikely to engage in corruption. Reporting and whistle blowing whenever cases of corruption occur in the community are high levels of patriotism that any person can exemplify in the fight against graft and in the defence of his/her Nation.

4.1 Current situation

Despite the high levels of awareness on corruption, only five per cent of the public report as appropriate (EACC, 2015). This means that Kenyans have not embraced fully the value of patriotism in reporting corruption to aid in the fight. In Kenya, corruption has been declared the greatest threat to national security; lack of patriotism being a contributing factor.

4.2 Rationale

All types of corruption that occur involve two or more persons, whether directly or indirectly. There is no act of graft that happens without human interaction. The responsibility to report and expose the vice thus lies squarely with every individual who has witnessed or detected a corrupt deal. If more people embrace patriotism, the frequency of corruption will be minimised.

4.3 Myth/Misconception

4.3.1 The faithful have no role to play in the fight against corruption.

4.3.2 Reporting corruption is betrayal.

4.4 Correct practices

4.4.1 Speak out against corruption.

4.4.2 Adhere to the rule of law.

4.5 Key messages

4.5.1 Fighting corruption starts with me.

4.5.2 Say NO to corruption and save Kenya. To oppose corruption is the highest obligation of patriotism

4.5.3 Electing credible leaders promotes good governance and accountability.

4.5.4 Picking corrupt leaders is promoting corruption

4.6 Scriptural references for key messages

1. Fighting corruption starts with me

4.6.1 Christian scripture

1. "Here I stand. Testify against me in the presence of the Lord and his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Whose donkey have I taken? Whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed? From whose hand have I accepted a bribe to make me shut my eyes? If I have done any of these things, I will make it right." (1 Samuel 12:3)

2. "Those who walk righteously and speak what is right who reject gain from extortion and keep their hands from accepting bribes, who stop their ears against plots of murder and shut their eyes against contemplating evil." (Isaiah 33:15)

3. "But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." (Luke 19:8)

4.6.2 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) said: "Verily Allah will not change the condition of a people unless they change their state themselves ..." (Qur'an 13:11)

2. The Prophet (P.B.U.H.) said: "Whoever does not concern himself with the affairs of the Muslims is not amongst them." (Hadith: At-Tabarani 7/270)

3. He (P.B.U.H.) also said: "Whosoever sees evil should change it by using his hands, and if he can't then he should use his tongue (by speaking against it) and if he can't then he should use his heart (by hating it) and that is the weakest of faith". (Hadith: Sahih Ibn Hibban 6048)

**2. Say NO to corruption and save Kenya.
To oppose corruption is the highest
obligation of patriotism**

4.6.3 Christian scripture

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hand have I accepted a bribe to make me shut my eyes? If I have done any of these things, I will make it right." (1 Samuel 12:3)

2. "Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them." (Ephesians 5:11)

3. "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you

have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector." (Matthew 18:15-17)

4.6.4 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) says: "...Be just, for it is closest to God-consciousness..." (Quran 5:8)
2. The Prophet himself instructed: "Be conscious of God and be just to your children." (Hadith: Al- Bukhari 5/155, 157, Muslim 1623)
3. "...When you speak, speak with justice, even if it is against someone close to you..." (Quran 6:152)

4.6.5 Hindu scripture

1. O, Pipa, if you do not commit sin, and if you do good twelve times and if you have not harmed any one, it is equal to doing it a thousand times. (Sant Pipa)

3. Electing good leaders promotes good governance and accountability

4.6.6 Christian scripture

1. "But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain — and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens." (Exodus 18:21)
2. "In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against

the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said: 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word'." (Acts 6:1-4)

4.6.7 Islamic scripture

1. "... And their Prophet (Samuel) said to them: "Indeed Allah has appointed Talut (Saul) as a king over you." They said: "How can he be a king over us when we are better fitted than him for the kingdom, and he has not been given enough wealth." He said: "Verily, Allah has chosen him above you and has increased him abundantly in knowledge and stature. And Allah grants His Kingdom to whom He wills. And Allah is All-sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-knower." (Qur'an 2:247)

"Allah (S.W.T) said: "Verily Allah will not change the condition of a people unless they change their state themselves ..."
(Qur'an 13:11)"

2. "There are seven categories of people whom God will shelter under His shade on the Day when there will be no shade except His. [One is] the just leader." (Saheeh Muslim)

3. The Almighty Allah (S.W) said: "O My slaves, I have forbidden injustice for myself and forbade it also for you. So avoid being unjust to one another." (Saheeh Muslim)

4. Picking corrupt leaders is promoting corruption

4.6.8 Christian scripture

1. "When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan." (Proverbs 29:2)

2. "By justice a king gives a country stability, but those who are greedy for bribes tear it down. (Proverbs 29:4)

3. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. Luke 22:25-26

4.6.9 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) says: "And eat up not one another's property unjustly, nor give bribery to the rulers that you may knowingly eat up a part of the property of others sinfully." (Qur'an 2: 188)

2. "And assist one another in acts of righteousness and piety and do not assist one another in act of transgression and sin." (Qur'an 5:2)

3. "I do not wish to be an aid to the wrong-doers." (Qur'an 28:17)

Imam Al-Qurtuby (R.A) wrote in his

commentary of the Holy Qur'an: "... that it is not permissible to render any assistance to a tyrant and an oppressor."

4.7 Hindu Scripture

Government should see to it that Religious leaders set up pillars of religiosity. This can be done by emphasizing the values of truthfulness, austerity, mercifulness and cleanliness. People who worked for government like civil servant, university advisors, police force or who hold administrative posts should be of highly prestigious cautiousness; who will not even think of corruption even in a dream.

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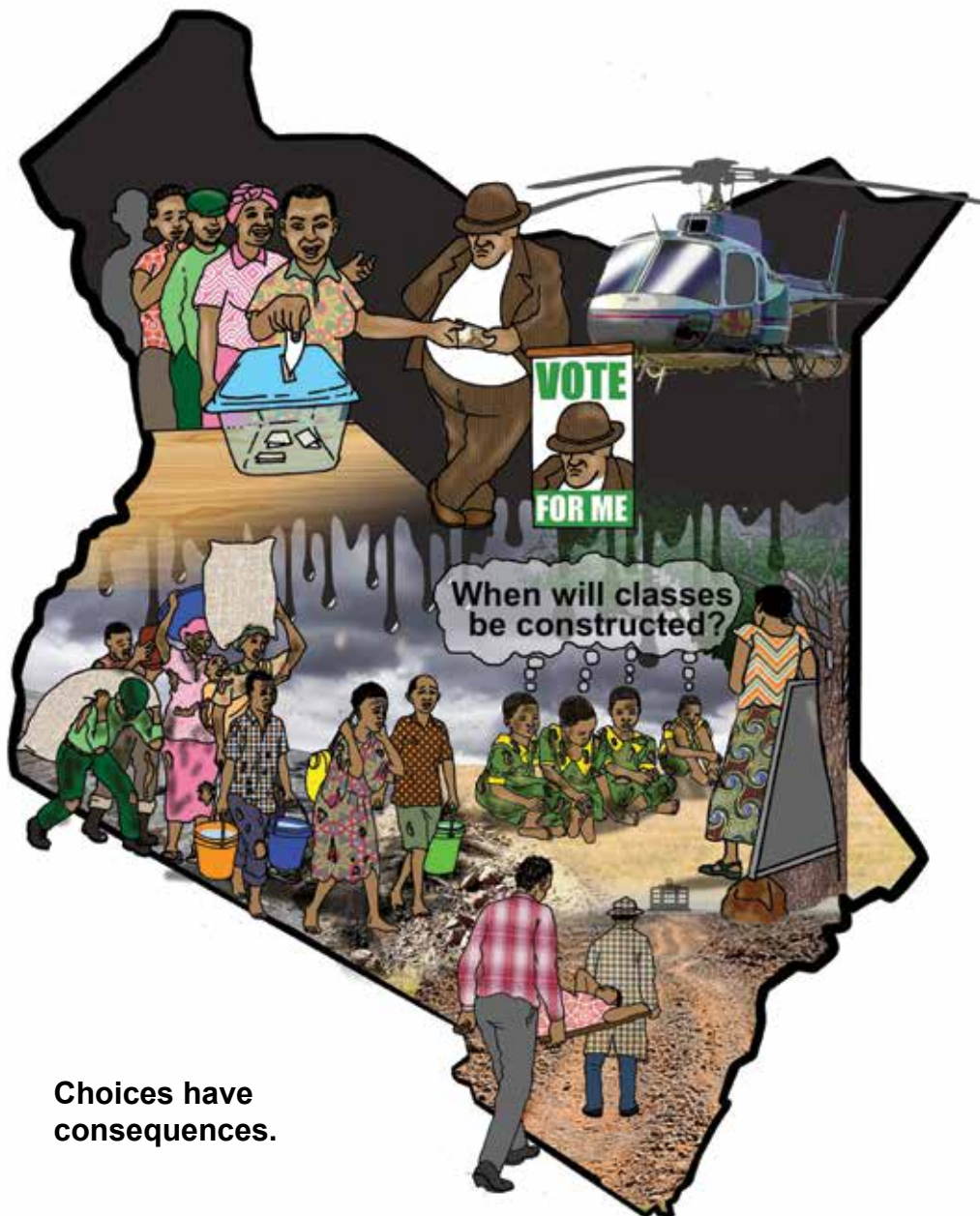


APPLICATIONS:

1. As patriotic citizens, we must participate in exposing and fighting corruption.
2. Citizens and relevant authorities have a responsibility to ensure that corrupt individuals are punished accordingly.
3. Every citizen should use his/her right to elect corrupt-free leaders.

ISSUE 5:

UNFAIRNESS AND INJUSTICE IN OUR NATION RESULTING FROM CORRUPTION



Choices have consequences.

5.0 Introduction

Culture is a way of life of a group of people – their behaviour, beliefs, values and symbols that they accept and are passed on through communication and imitation from one generation to the next. A progressive culture promotes principles and practices that advocate for change in or reform beliefs, values and symbols that tolerate or accept corruption to result in a fair and just nation.

5.1 Current situation

Corruption has become a way of life in Kenya, a retrogressive practice that does not build a fair and just nation. Society does not question the source of wealth held by individuals as the more they accumulate, the more they are accepted and respected. Kenyans are always ready to protect one of their own – either due to their ethnic or political affiliations – caught engaging in corrupt practices from being called to account, effectively leading to the ethnicisation and politicisation of the war on corruption.

5.2 Rationale

Corruption is practised by individuals to the detriment of the wellbeing of the majority and the country at large. Building a fair and just nation requires a culture change to that which is corruption intolerant. There is need to encourage faithful to embrace a culture that does not promote corruption.

5.3 Misconception

- 5.3.1 Corruption is okay if it is by me or one of 'us'.
- 5.3.2 You 'eat' where you work.

5.4 Correct practice to be promoted

- 5.4.1 Kenyans should embrace and practice positive values.
- 5.4.2 Firmly promote fairness and justice.

5.5 Key messages

- 5.5.1 Accessing public services is a right, not a privilege.
- 5.5.2 Public resources should be distributed fairly and justly.
- 5.5.3 Demanding social accountability is our collective responsibility.

5.6 Scriptural references for key messages

1. Accessing public services is a right, not a privilege

5.6.1 Christian scripture

1. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!' (Luke 18:3-5)
2. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)



3. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say: "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man: "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? (James 2:2-5)

5.6.2 Islamic scripture

1. The Prophet (S.A.W.) said: "If any ruler having the authority to rule Muslim subjects dies while he is deceiving them, Allah will forbid Paradise for him." (Sahih Al-Bukhari 9:265)

2. "And whoever earns sin, he earns it only against himself. And Allah is Ever All Knowing, All Wise" (Qur'an 4:111)
 3. I heard the Prophet (S.A.W.) saying: "Any man whom Allah has given the authority of ruling some people and he does not look after them in a honest manner, will never feel even the smell of Paradise." (Sahih Muslim - Volume 9, Book 89, Number 264, Narrated by Ma'qil)

2. Public resources should be distributed fairly and Justly

5.6.3 Christian scripture

1. Now let the fear of the Lord be on you. Judge carefully, for with the Lord our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery." (Chronicles 19:7)
 2. In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against

the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:1-4)

3. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (James 1:27)

5.6.4 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) says: "God instructs you to give back things entrusted to you to their owners. And when you judge between people, judge with justice. God's instructions to you are excellent. God is all-hearing, all-seeing." (Qur'an 4: 58)

2. "Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded." (Qur'an 16: 90)

3. Abdullah ibn Amr reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Verily, those who were fair will be in the presence of Allah upon pulpits of light, near the right hand of the Merciful, the Exalted, and both of His sides are right (being equal in honour); those who practised justice in their rulings and with their families and in all that they did". (Sahih Muslim 4493)

5.6.5 Hindu Scripture

Arjuna won in difficulty; similarly we all are put into difficulties for material existence. Our existence is in atmosphere of non-existence. Actually, existence is eternal (Sat= truth) but have been put into (Asat=untruth). Out of many suffering human beings few inquire/question why they are suffering, and few seek for solutions. Humanity begins with this sort of inquiry "at the (Brahma Jijnasa)"- It has been conclusively decided in the scriptures, after due consideration, that the ultimate goal for the welfare of human society is detachment from the bodily concept of life and increased and steadfast attachment for the Supreme Lord, who is transcendental, beyond the modes of material nature.

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)"

3. Demanding social accountability is our collective responsibility

5.6.6 Christian scripture

1. And if I say to a wicked person, 'You will surely die,' but they then turn away from their sin and do what is just and right — if they give back what they took in pledge for a loan, return what they have stolen, follow the decrees that give life, and do no evil — that person will surely live; they will not die. None of the sins that person has committed will be remembered against them. They have done what is just and right; they will surely live. (Ezekiel 33:14-16)

2. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' (Luke 16: 2)

3. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. (1 Corinthians 4:2)

5.6.7 Islamic scripture

1. You who believe, be persistently standing firm in justice as witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both. Follow not your desires, lest you not be just. If you distort your testimony or refuse to give it, then Allah is aware of what you do". (Qur'an 4:135)

2. "Verily, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and He forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded." (Qur'an 16:90)

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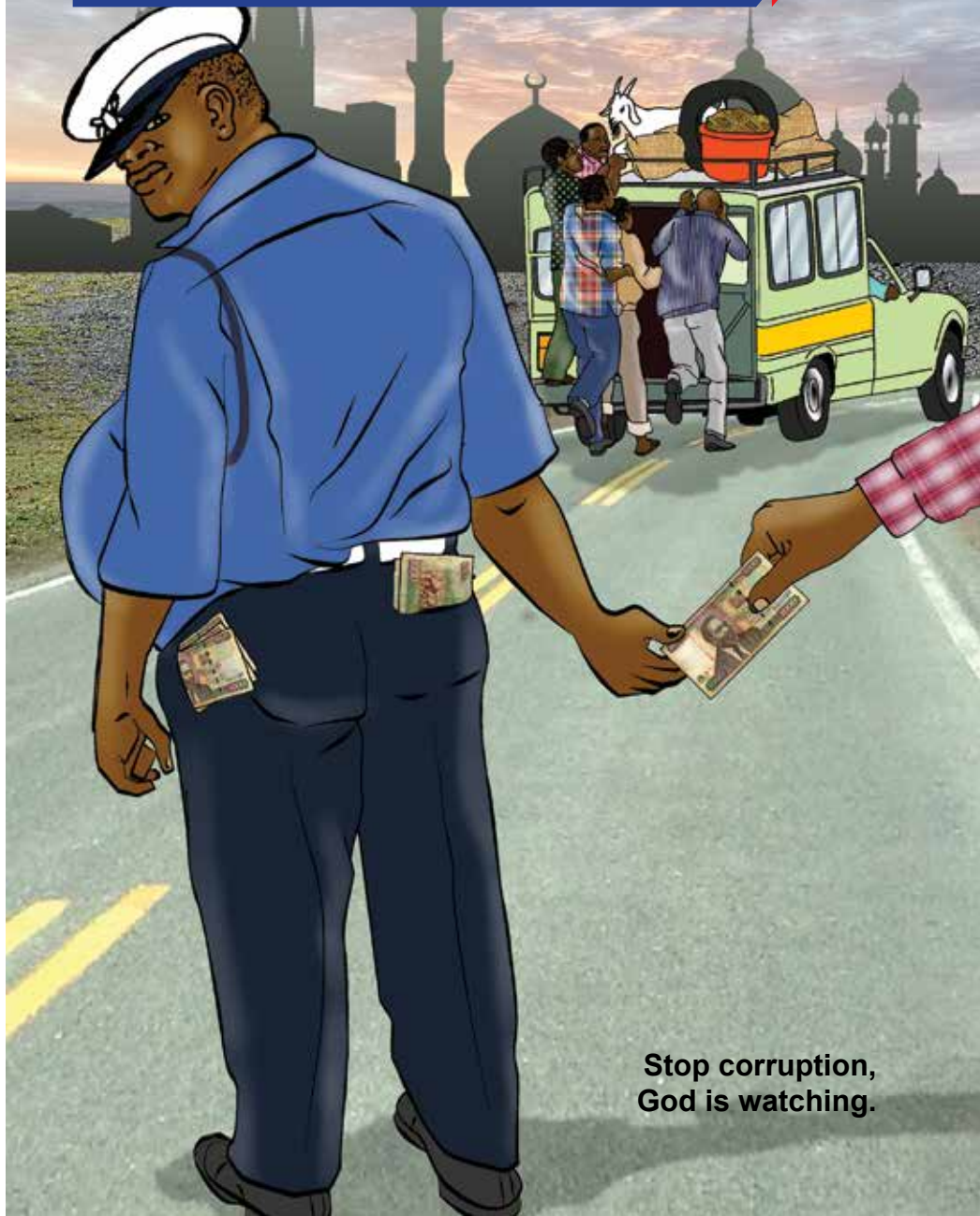


APPLICATIONS:

1. Every citizen has a right to equitable resource distribution and service delivery.
2. Nobody should discriminate anyone based on status, gender among others when offering services.
3. All citizens should never give or take bribes.

ISSUE 6:

CONTINUOUS ENGAGEMENT IN CORRUPTION IN DISREGARD OF GOD'S PRESENCE



**Stop corruption,
God is watching.**

6.0 Introduction

Corruption is a well-known and documented reality. People of different faiths world over have practised the vice. Kenya is predominantly religious society with citizens subscribing to different religions but corruption continues to thrive and ravage the country. Traditional and spiritual values have been eroded, resulting in corruption, yet few acknowledge it. Religion teaches us that God is omnipresent but the faithful continue to assume that He does not see as they engage in graft. Religious leaders should, out of necessity, intensify the teachings of the Holy Scriptures that constantly remind the faithful of God's presence and the consequences of sin.

6.1 Current situation

In Kenya, a large majority of the population ascribes to God but do not seriously confront evil. They laugh and joke about the wickedness of things that are immoral and ungodly in the extreme. They recognise the sinfulness of those things and would not ordinarily want to participate in them, yet they continue to enjoy doing them. In so doing, they are influenced by the evil to the extent that they think, talk about and engage in it without condemning it.

6.2 Rationale

Corruption is still a challenge in Kenya despite the high number of faithful ascribing to a certain religion. Religious leaders should, therefore, endeavour to enhance the fight against corruption through sermons and appeals to their congregants to live according to the

scriptures, remembering that God is seeing them as they engage in the vice. The faithful should be encouraged to stop engaging in corruption as God sees and punishes the corrupt.

6.3 Myths/Misconceptions

6.3.1 God is in heaven and cannot see me.

6.3.2 We live in a sinful world.

6.3.3 Small sins do not matter.

6.4 Correct practice to be promoted

6.4.1 Obey God by speaking against corruption.

6.4.2 Avoid corruption by doing God's will.

6.4.3 Acquire wealth honestly.

6.5 Key messages

6.5.1 Stop corruption; God is watching.

6.5.2 Corruption attracts the wrath of God.

6.5.3 We are all accountable to God for our actions.

6.6 Scriptural references for key messages

1. Stop corruption; God is watching

6.6.1 Christian scripture

1. Woe to the sinful nation, a people whose guilt is great, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the Lord; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him. (Isaiah 1:4)

2. In you are people who accept bribes to shed blood; you take interest and make a profit from the poor. You extort unjust gain from your neighbors. And you have forgotten me, declares the

Sovereign Lord. (Ezekiel 22:12)

3. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts. (Amos 5:12)

6.6.2 Islamic scripture

1. "Unto God belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth. And whether you bring into the open what is in your minds or conceal it, God will call you to account for it; and then He will forgive whom He wills, and will chastise whom He wills: for God has the power to will anything." Quran 2:284

2. Allah (S.W.T.) says: "... and He is with you wherever you are..." (Qur'an 57: 4)

3. "Do you not see that Allah knows whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth? Nowhere is there a secret counsel between three persons but He is the fourth of them, nor (between) five but He is the sixth of them, nor less than that nor more but He is with them wheresoever they are; then He will inform them of what they did on the day of resurrection: surely Allah is cognisant of all things." (Qur'an 58: 7)

2. Corruption attracts the wrath of God

6.6.3 Christian scripture

1. They have sunk deep into corruption, as in the days of Gibeah. God will remember their wickedness and punish them for their sins. (Hosea 9:9)

2. Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who plot evil on their beds!

At morning's light they carry it out because it is in their power to do it. They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud people

of their homes, they rob them of their inheritance. Therefore, the Lord says: " I am planning disaster against this people, from which you cannot save yourselves. You will no longer walk proudly, for it will be a time of calamity. In that day people will ridicule you; they will taunt you with this mournful song: 'We are utterly ruined; my people's possession is divided up. He takes it from me! He assigns our fields to traitors.'" Therefore you will have no one in the assembly of the Lord to divide the land by lot. (Micah 2:1-5)

3. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

6.6.4 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) says: "And incline not toward those who do wrong, lest the fire should touch you, and you have no protectors other than Allah, nor you would then be helped." (Qur'an: 11:113)

2. The Prophet (S.A.W.) said: "If any ruler having the authority to rule Muslim subjects dies while he is deceiving them, Allah will forbid Paradise for him." (Hadith: Sahih Al-Bukhari 9:265)

3. The Prophet (S.A.W) said: "The curse of Allah is upon the one who offers a bribe and the one who takes it." (Hadith: Ibn-Majah and Al-Tirmidhy)

3. We are all accountable to God for our actions

6.6.5 Christian scripture

1. So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. (Romans 14:12)

2. But I tell you that everyone will



“Whoever has done an atom’s weight of good will see it. And whoever has done an atom’s weight of evil will see it.”
(Qur’an 99: 8)

have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Mathew 12:36-37)

3. “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and

whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?” (Luke 16:10-12)

6.6.6 Islamic scripture

1. Allah (S.W.T.) says: “Verily, to Us will be their return: Then verily, for Us will be their Reckoning.” (Qur’an 88: 25-26)
2. “Then surely, We shall question those (people) to whom it (the book) was sent and verily, We shall question the Messengers.” (Qur’an 7: 6-7)
3. “Whoever has done an atom’s weight of good will see it. And whoever has done an atom’s weight of evil will see it.” (Qur’an 99: 8)

6.6.7 Hindu scripture

Corruption is an extension of dishonesty or lack of truthfulness created when we forget one’s relationship with God. This one’s relationship can be revived effectively by chanting of God’s Holy Name. This will lead to re-establishing 4 pillars of religion namely truthfulness, mercifulness, austerity and cleanliness. (Srimad Bhagavatam)



APPLICATIONS:

1. All people should recognise God's omnipresence and avoid corruption.
2. We should refrain from corrupt practices to avoid the wrath of God.
3. Every person must be accountable for his/her actions.

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- Human dignity, equity, social justice, inclusiveness, equality, human rights, non-discrimination and protection of the marginalised;
- Good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability and sustainable development

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