

## Defending Democracy by Fighting Corruption

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A series of six articles were written for the Herald for a column on corruption. Using topical everyday observations, they illustrate the wide range of actions that qualify as corruption in the opinion of the author. Thus, they can be used in social media or as part of a teaching.

### **“THEY WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCHES”**

I came across an academic paper co-authored by the Reverend Roger Tucker, one-time pastor of St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Heugh Road, Walmer, some time ago.

*Khotseng, B. & Tucker, A.R., 2013, ‘They worship in our churches’ – An opportunity for the church to intervene in order to diminish the corruption that is hindering service delivery in South Africa?’, HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies 69(2), Art. #1933, 11 pages. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4102/hts.v69i2.1933>*

My interest in the subject prompted me to ask Roger if he would undertake to provide me with a series of five articles, based on the paper, but in more simple language, suitable for publishing in the media. This is how Roger describes this work he did.

“Please find attached my final chapter on corruption. It is longer than the others because I believe what it says must all hang together to prevent us rushing out to implement ideas in our own power, without God’s strength.

“I have enjoyed ‘dumbing down’ my article and have been able to add a few new thoughts. Perhaps when it could eventually be published as a pamphlet with a study guide for use with students and church leaders. This was Benito’s final vision for it. He wanted to see it starting a revolution among students that would be more directed and productive than the EFF revolution.”