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## Quality Research

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**Abstract**

Reliability and validity are crucial in defining qualitative and quantitative research, but definitions are reconsidered in qualitative research to fit the paradigm of qualitative work. Qualitative research utilizes triangulation and theory as means to maximize validity and reliability. It also brings more understanding concerning the relevance of valid and reliable research concepts to Christian researchers.

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## Quality Research

Research quality is determined by the consistency and accuracy of the measures used. Reliability in research refers to the ability of a measure to produce the same results when research is subjected to the same conditions. On the other hand, validity refers to the extent to which the results achieve the research objectives. In qualitative research, validity and reliability are considered under different terms to fit their qualitative studies. Validity in qualitative research is redefined in terms of credibility and transferability to measure the extent to which the study reflects the objectives of the study and applicability of the results to other contexts, respectively (Creswell & Poth, 2016). On the other hand, reliability is referred to as dependability in qualitative research to mean consistency of processes of data collection, analysis, and interpretation.

As defined in qualitative research, validity and reliability differ from quantitative research in that qualitative validity focuses on the process and not verification of time used in the field. In other words, qualitative research focuses on designing and implementing a research process that ensures the trustworthiness of the results rather than relying on statistical methods as in quantitative analysis (Creswell & Poth, 2016). Notably, replicable data to mean reliability does not concern qualitative researchers, but their focus is on dependability that the findings will change over time while echoing the methodology used originally. Despite the differing grounds in qualitative and quantitative research, the two methods can use multiple data sources and involve others researchers to ensure validity and reliability of studies.

In my current research work, I intend to use both researcher construct and theory in establishing the validity and reliability of my work. I intend to use triangulation to use different sources and methods as a means of controlling bias. Qualitative research dwells on the paradigm

of social constructiveness, where situations and realities change over time (Yin, 2017).

Therefore, to capture reliable realities in the different social constructs, I will use multiple data collection methods and analyses. Notably, social science theory can be a crucial input in defining the focus of my research as well as the findings. Through a deductive approach, I intend to use social science theory as an interpretive lens to affirm the results of my research and define data that will not fit in my study. I perceive the use of readers and reviewers as great tools in checking the validity and reliability of my qualitative dissertation. I will use the services of readers to check that my work is consistent with the set hypothesis and make the necessary corrections (Yin, 2017). Consequently, peer reviewers will be of great help in checking the dependability and transferability of my dissertation.

Based on the Christian teachings, God worked for six days and saw that whatever He created was good and gave man the order to continue with God's work. The Bible also instructs Christians to work heartily as if they are doing it for God. Therefore, maintain validity and reliability in research is obeying God's word and continuing His good work.

Determination to deliver quality research work for Christians is a demonstration of obedience to God's words. However, I tend to believe that doing shady work is always the easiest way and it is often tempting to many researchers. On the other hand, Keller reminds Christians that righteousness is based on doing good works for the advantage of others despite the things they go through (2014). Therefore, while it may be tempting for Christians to alter data or carry out surfaced research, their demonstration of righteousness will dwell on overcoming the temptations to deliver quality work.

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