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Turn in your guns! Stop the Violence! Part III

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If I hear the statement, “Enough is Enough” one more time I’m going to tell whoever say it, “I’m tired of hearing everybody say, including you, Enough is Enough.”

It’s sickening to hear it being said so much so, for the last time, I’ll say it in a few different ways, “Enough is Enough,” “Enough Already,” “Already, I’ve Had Enough,” “Already Enough.”

While meeting and summits are being held all over Cleveland in regards to all the violence taking place, I’m here to say, “I’ve had enough of meetings.” Don’t nobody else call me in regards to another “Stop the Violence” meeting. While meetings are taking place, violence also is taking place.

At funeral services of our precious kids and young people, I'm so tired of hearing the speeches, the songs, the statements of "Enough is Enough… Stop the Violence." I'm so tired of hearing individuals make the statement, "The Lord don't make no mistakes. It was her time." Individuals must go to Bible Class, Sunday School and Church Services to understand God had nothing to do with a beautiful child caught in between gunfire.

God had nothing to do with the kid getting robbed and shot in the head.

We must stop making those statements. Death is a part of life but life in its quality should not be death for our kids at such a young age. Many of these precious kids are victims to the madness.

Proverbs 11:30 reads, "Righteousness gives life, but violence takes it away."

Let's go to Proverbs 19:3, "Some people ruin themselves by their own stupid actions and then blame the Lord."

So we want and need the violence to stop? We need to encourage our kids, who are killing kids, to turn in their guns? We need to lock our precious kids who are killing kids in prison and throw away the key? Or do we address the root cause of their pain that's causing the outward actions in the first place?

What role does parents play in this madness?

Proverbs 20:7, "Children are fortunate if they have a father who is honest and does what is right."

Many of the gang members I work with in the ministry have no father active in their life. Many don't even know his name when I ask them as they often are sitting behind jail bars waiting to go to court for a violent offense they committed. They are hurting, angry, and confused. So, in

addressing the violence, do we as a society address the inner pain of the person behind the gun or the outcome of what the gun has done?

Yes, we must hold them accountable for their crime but who else do we hold accountable?

I thank God for the many males who had no father in their life but either the community, a mentor, a positive male stepped in and took the place of that father the son never knew, making a negative good.

I Thank God for the many women who had to be that male in her son's life and it worked. Yes, whatever works, work it… if it's stopping the violence.

Proverbs 21:7 states, "The wicked are doomed by their own violence; they refuse to do what is right."

Our precious kids, killing kids, are not wicked. BUT, THEY ARE HURTING. The individuals bringing the many guns in our community are the WICKED ONES.

Ok, one more Bible quote as I go to Proverbs 22:6, "Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life."

I ask the question as I'm addressing violence with the question, "Who is teaching our children how to live?" Would it be the parents for starters?

"Who is teaching our children how to die?

As I continue to address this topic, "Turn in your guns and Stop the Violence," next week let me close out with one more scripture quote from Proverbs 21:16, "Death is waiting for anyone who

wanders away from good sense." Our kids and young people are dying and I ask each of you my readers why have they wandered away from good sense?

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Stay tuned to next week!

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