

## How to combat evil in our present days

What will make this evil go away or even stop? Take an example of the mass shootings that have happened in Texas or Las Vegas recently.

What is the solution? Is it new gun laws? What gun laws could have prevented this from happening. What laws on the books could have stopped this evil guy? Could he have followed the laws?

Every time such evils like these happen, people, politicians begin to debate what could be done or what could have been done to stop this tragedy. Although a bullet in the head could have stopped this, it's just a reactive measure, not a preventive measure. How could this have been prevented? As this debate goes on, I have noticed that they have left out the most important aspect of the debate. We must look at the root cause of these evils and stop blaming guns. Guns do not kill people. People kill people and a gun is just a tool just as a knife is. We cannot overlook or ignore the real core problem.

Our culture today has done nothing but to promote the very evils and ungodliness we see. These so-called celebrities and movie stars and Hollywood have not done our society any good. The politicians are also part of the problem. They have passed legislation to take God out of schools, public places, and so forth. As a result, ungodliness has shot through the roof and we wonder why all these things are going on.

What could have held back this evil person from committing all these evils? Proverbs 8:13 says "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate." The fear of God could have held this man back from slaughtering innocent lives.

If there was some degree of the fear of God in this man's heart, his actions would have been different. The fear of God will cause a person to HATE evil. If you hate evil, you will not commit it.

Another reason people do such things is because of the fallen sinful nature of man. This is the root of these problems. Until we deal with the hearts of men, we cannot reduce or even solve these tragedies.

The church has also not done enough to preach the gospel. Most churches are seeker-friendly and are just preaching behavior modification. This not the gospel and will not change lives. It's not dealing with the root problem which is the heart. People need new hearts. People must be born again (John 3:3). We need to preach the true gospel which is the solution to these evils. We need to preach Jesus who only can change the hearts of men which will then result in the change of people's actions. A pig is a pig by nature, and it will always return to mud even if you gave it a perfect bath. Why? Because its nature was not changed. It is still a pig. Once the nature (heart) of men are changed, their actions will follow. Until this happens, it is not going to be pretty. You cannot expect a corrupted tree to produce any good fruit but bad fruit. If the root is messed up, the fruit will equally be. We must go directly to the root problem. The cure for sin is a personal relationship with Jesus. Nothing else! People MUST be born-again.

Taking people's guns will not fix a thing. Criminals break laws. That is what they do. No law can stop an evil person from doing their determined evil but a relationship with Jesus, a changed heart can. I'm not saying we should do away with laws, but they can only do so much. The best law is the one inscribed on the heart of a person. Ladies and gentlemen, Jesus is the answer. We need to get God back into our lives and the schools. We need the best deterrent to evil which is Jesus and a relationship with Him.

Proverbs 14:34 says "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

This country will not be exalted but the ungodly lifestyle that is being promoted. We are selfdestructing ourselves. God has no part in this. The bible also says that "A man shall not be established by wickedness:" —Proverbs 12:3

We do not get stronger by exalting ungodliness; we need to exalt righteousness so our nation may be exalted.

It is time for the church to rise and take its rightful place of leadership and proclaim Jesus as the cure for the sting of sin and evil. Jesus is the antidote. It is a sad state, but we can make a difference one life at a time starting with you. If you would like to receive Jesus as the Lord of your life, please contact us.

With that, I want to rest my case!

My heart, prayers, and thoughts go to the victims and families of these evil tragedies. May the Lord Jesus comfort your hearts and heal all your wounds. God bless you all and these United States of America.