

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Mean people cannot stop mean people; only nice people can. If someone is mean (to you), then they should take an alternate route by not being mean back. I think I could make Tuolumne County a better place by treating bullies nicer (maybe change to not being bullies, because saying that it sounds like you are saying it is ok to be a bully) and helping them to feel happier and friendlier. We could also help kids stop using drugs and to help kids that don't do drugs, from doing them. We could also help the homeless.

When a person is being bullied, instead of being rude and punishing them, teach them to be nicer and give them a chance to change for the better. Sometimes the reason the bully bullies is because the parents yell at him or her at home or the parents yell at each other. So by giving them a second chance, they might be nicer or try to change. You definitely will not see a change if you feed into their anger.

There are some kids that take drugs because they think it makes them cooler or the best person ever, but really they're not. If the police or teachers knew about which kids takes drugs, they could tell them why it is not good to do drugs. They could talk to them and their parents about the consequences. Schools could also have prisoners talk to teens about what happened to them.

Most of the time when we see a homeless person we try to avoid them, or act like we don't see them. If you could put yourself in their shoes, how would you feel if

someone acted like you weren't there? How would you feel if someone bought you some food or groceries? How would that make you feel? Have you ever helped a panhandler? If you have great, but if you haven't, you should offer to buy him a hamburger from a fast food place or buy groceries from a store, instead of giving them money. The homeless would not buy drugs or alcohol.

If the people of Tuolumne County put into action ideas based on Dr. Martin Luther King's ideas, then we would have a wonderful county. There would be less bullying in the schools. There would be fewer kids taking drugs. There would be less cranky homeless people or happier homeless people.