"Do the Right Thing"

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Luckily violence has never affected my life in anyway. But you see it everywhere you go no matter what. You may not notice at the moment, you only notice when it gets to you. Hopefully it doesn’t. My old friend in the past that once told me she had experienced this. She told me her father used to hit her. And she used to have real anger problems. I felt like she was jealous in other people, she had told me once that she didn’t like the way she was. I told her that nobody is perfect and that she shouldn’t be ashamed of who she is. You can never pick the family you are born into. But you can always change you future I always made her feel better and I felt good about it.

Youth violence is caused by many things. Family problem, your family may be embarrassing, you may feel like you not perfect. Or someone in your house is abusing you. Addiction, even if it’s your first time doing these things you may not notice it but it becomes and addiction. (Alcohol and drugs) guilt you may be hiding something, a secret and you just want to let it all out. Peer pressure someone is pressuring you to do something and it’s usually something bad. And they are forcing you to do it. Lack of money, you may not have enough of it and you decide to steal it from other people either your parents or other people (family). Being bullied by getting bullied makes you feel like you just wants to EXPLODE. It’s not so fun and you want to let it out on other people. Jealousy can also get in peoples way. It causes them to feel self-esteem. And they bully the people they feel jealous of. Miss understanding thing, you can get confused with thing by telling other people and it mixes up the story, which causes drama. Gangs, they are the ones...
that usually the ones who start all the drugs and alcohol, mental illnesses you can have some sort of problem in your brain. It makes you do bad things you just want to go crazy, well you do and this is very often why there is shooting going on. Anger, can cause you to bully, or you sometimes can get really mad and just want to harm your own self. Self-esteem, is when you don’t think your perfect, when you don’t want your life, I’ve heard people commit suicide because of this. People sometimes make you think you’re not perfect. Where you live, it can cause this to be bad influence in your life. Even your friends, you have to pick wisely of the people you hang out with. The bad things can come from the person you least expect it to come. Those are probably the main things that cause youth violence.

Things I can do to prevent youth violence are, maybe someday I can give a speech to people that have one or more of these problems. It can help them out. Or maybe even grab a bunch of kids and make them let out there feelings. Sort of like therapy. Even though it is not such a big thing, I’m pretty sure one day it will make a difference in other people’s lives.

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