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Have you ever realized that thousands of kids skip school or drop out everyday? When you see someone actually being bullied what do you do? Do you help stop it or just walk away and pretend that nothing ever happened? Most of the time kids tend to just ignore the situation or go along with what is happening because our society is built that way. They think that trying to help that person that is being bullied will get them hurt or because they don't want to get involved with someone else's situation because they will start to get bullied for standing up for someone.

Now a days it seems that doing the right thing is bad and the wrong thing is good. Try to put yourself in the victim's shoes. How would you feel if everywhere you stepped in school you are being judged and picked on. When you think of why the bully "bullies" its probably because of their lifestyle, and how they choose to live their life.

There's nothing to be afraid of when you stand up for someone because you could be preventing someone from ending their life. Even one word can change the way they are thinking. You could even say 'Hi' or 'How was your day?" and that could cheer them up. If you were the one being bullied how would you feel? Just try and imagine someone going through the same thing. Thats why people tell you to treat others the same way you want to be treated. Just because you dislike someone doesn't mean that you have to treat them differently.

Bullying can lead to many things. Kids who are being bullied would most likely want to fit in with the crowd so they get peer pressured into doing things that they wouldn't do at all. For example they would party, drink, and do drugs. Good kids could turn into bad kids with the snap of the fingers. Then all of this could lead to something called violence.

Everyone/ anyone could prevent violence whenever and wherever they want, but choose not to. Dont you ever wonder if violence could just cease one day? Violence probably wont 100% stop but by speaking up for someone you'll be someone who contributed to the act of ending violence.