

## **DOES BIBLICAL ORTHODOXY RESULT IN ORTHOPRAXY? A CASE OF SELECTED PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KIHARU DIVISION IN MURANG'A COUNTY, KENYA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The background of this research was from the outcry in recent years among the parents, teachers and other stakeholders concerning high school students engaging into sinful acts of lawlessness. These have led to dropping out of school, poor performance due to wastage of time, early pregnancies among other outcomes. Some acts of lawlessness observed are burning of building, vehicles, beating innocent people, and other destructive activities. The survey identifies identify the effect of Biblical strategies in minimizing lawlessness among students in selected secondary schools in Kiharu division in Murang'a County ,Kenya.It was guided by Phenomenology of Religion models of Lenski (1963), and Glock (1959). The target population comprise of deputy principals and teachers who were in direct contact with students. Data was collected using questionnaires, interview guides, and document analysis and analyzed using statistical package for the social sciences (SPSS Version 21.0) and descriptive narratives. Standard research ethics were observed including the six basic principles of ethical practice. The key research findings indicated that most schools have biblical programmes and activities such as; Christian union, catholic action, Christian rallies, invitation of guest preachers and morning/evening prayers. In these schools, they observed few indicators of lawlessness. The participants were able to identify students who involve themselves, participate or are members of various biblical programmes in the school they also observed that those students who participate in biblical programmes do not engage themselves into lawlessness. However those who are ringleaders in acts of lawlessness have been indicated as lacking spiritual moral concepts which is indeed character. Finally according to the findings high percentage of the participants strongly agreed that biblical strategies are the solution to minimizing lawlessness. The conclusion was that Biblical orthodoxy results in orthopraxy. Discussions and implications were formulated using results of research findings. The recommendations on how the research findings can be used by various stakeholders like school administration, B.O.G and the P.T.A, the Ministry of Education, the Sponsors and others, were arrived at according to the objectives of the study. Finally, further research was recommended in future for the purpose of filling the gaps.

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