

**THE IMPACT OF BIBLICAL STRATEGIES IN MINIMIZING
LAWLESSNESS AMONG STUDENTS IN SELECTED PUBLIC
SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KIHARU DIVISION, MURANG'A
COUNTY, KENYA.**

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ABSTRACT

The study is guided by the following objectives: The key indicators of lawlessness among high school students in Kiharu, Murang'a County, the Biblical programmes the school administration has put in place for students spiritual formation, the extent to which the students are involved in schools Biblical activities and programmes, and the implications of the use of Biblical strategies in minimizing lawlessness among high school students. The background of the study includes Biblical and Theological foundations of the lawlessness. It also shows how the acts of lawlessness among students have been witnessed globally and examines studies conducted in United States of America, Zambia and Kiharu. The above studies indentifies the following key indicators of lawlessness such as; truancy, drug and alcohol abuse, promiscuity, riots, smoking, vandalism, fighting, and insulting, to mention a few. The Theoretical Framework of the study was based on the phenomenology of Religion theories of Lenski (1963), and Glock (1959). The theories highlights areas that controls or guides individual behaviour in any society or community relating this behaviour with church matters which is one of the Biblical strategies in the objectives. The Literature Review was carried out in line with the above objectives. The Critical Review of the theories and Gaps in the Theories was as per the objectives of the study. The Critical Review of Empirical Studies and Gaps in research indicates what various studies globally said and did not say on issues related to this study. The target population comprised 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 17) and descriptive narratives. It was presented using charts, tables, and graphs. The key research findings were as follows; the participants highlighted the main acts of lawlessness such as drug consumption, pre-marital sex related cases, strikes and strike related lawlessness. However, the participants 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 and are members of various biblical programmes in the school. According to the Likert Scale findings high percentage of the participants strongly agreed that biblical strategies are the solution to minimizing lawlessness. Discussions and implications were formulated using results of research findings. One of the key recommendations according to the research findings was that every school should have the following Biblical Programmes and Activities in place: Christian associations such as Christian Union and Catholic Action, Bible clubs, Weekly Pastoral Programmes Instructions, Christian Rallies, Guest preachers, Christian Fellowships, Bible Study sessions. These Biblical Strategies works on students' Orthocardia and Orthopraxy of moral values.

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