

## **A Recipe For A Shooter**

At the time of this writing the school shooting in Parkland, Florida is a day old. At least one teacher and students, a total of 17, were killed by a fellow student. Many are asking the question that is usually asked after every shooting, "How or why did this happen?" and the second question, "What can we do to make sure this does not happen again?" Those are two good and important questions. In order to give you my answer, I want us to think of this as a recipe for a shooter and in particular a school.

First, take a young person, around five to 6 years old.

Second, isolate this child by not having his or her parents around. (For some reason most shooters tend to be male.) Make the two parents home a thing of the past so the single parent is too busy to keep up with their child.

Third, replace the missing parent or parents with a phone and video games. This will help lead to further isolation from human interaction.

Fourth, give the child violent video games with graphics so real to life that one can hardly distinguish the game from real life. Remember the more blood and gore the better the game.

Fifth, also give the child access to all kinds of social media. As the child grows up they will be able to see others complain and vent their frustrations. They will also learn where they can get their hands-on guns and explosives. If they are really industrious they will learn to make pipe bombs or a pressure cooker for a bomb.

Sixth, give the child a sense of entitlement. The universe is here to serve them and they deserve whatever they want. Disappointment is not an option for it means they are being deprived of something they want and deserve. Never tell the child no or to wait. Never discipline the child for misbehaving but instead justify their behavior as a "stage" they are going through.

Seventh, send the child to a school where humanism and relativism is taught. The child will learn that he/she is a product of evolution and merely a higher animal on the evolutionary chain. This will require the Bible be expelled from the school and all moral teaching be stopped immediately. All mention of God will not be tolerated as well.

Eighth, as the child grows up and feels frustration, isolation, and anger mix in a whole generation of peers who feel the same way.

Let the child simmer for a few years in front of the television with shows that glamorize violence, ridicule authority, and justify deviate behavior.

In about 10 years you will have a child sure to explode in one way or another. Some will turn to drugs, others to self-mutilation, suicide is a possibility, while others will lash out at those around them.

This recipe is not guaranteed to produce a "school shooter" but it will bring about an interesting dish. End of recipe.

The above words are not meant to be funny or even sarcastic. I realize some of these school shooters might be suffering from mental illnesses and need medical attention. However, the breakdown of our families has resulted in the breakdown of childrearing. Many children are not being reared as much as housed. Mom and dad are not in the picture. No one sees the guns and explosives in their rooms because their parents never enter.

Teach them to rely on God and study His word. Communication, learning, and discipline is sorely lacking in homes today. I hear parents talk about giving their children a "good talking too" when the child does something wrong. That time should be before trouble starts. My dad gave me a "good talking too" before I was allowed to use his shotgun. I knew better than to point it at others or misuse the gun in anyway. I got a talking too before I started driving about the responsibilities of driving a car. The time for a good talking too is shortly after the child is born. Of course I don't mean you lecture a one month old baby but the time to start communicating is in the beginning

of that child's life. Hold them responsible for their actions and praise them for doing good. Teach them to work and that life has disappointments along with the joys. Help them face those disappointments and show them how to work through them. Finally, tell them you love them but if they do wrong at school - anywhere - then they will have to answer to you at home. I never wanted to get in trouble at school because I knew I would have to face my dad.

I guess the above paragraph is actually a good recipe for training up a child in the right way. Think about it. - - Dennis Tucker