

The corruption of a turnip:

How many know what a turnip is? If not, it's a widely cultivated Eurasian plant of the mustard family having large fleshy edible yellow or white root. The root of this plant, eaten as a vegetable. For many of us in the South know, it takes a lot to cook this vegetable because it can be bitter. Many people mixed these greens with mustard greens, cooking it with fatback to give it a seasonable flavor. Others like to put a little sugar in the turnip with hot pepper to add that hot, spicy and sweet. When I think of the corruption of the turnip, it can be a modern day unseasoned bitter tasting when it comes to the corruption that is spreading within the policing in American.

Just about every state is having someone in the law enforcement committing a crime or part of some criminal activity. For example a Jacksonville Sheriff office employee is arrested and accused of stealing \$100,000 from U.S. Veteran. You might say they work within the department. It doesn't matter when any official is sworn in they have responsibility to be morally stable and able to uphold their part of the bargaining of serving that position or office, when they raised their hand promising to serve and protect that community. I am tired

of the turnip in our policing in America. Where there is bitterness, prejudice, bias and stereotyping the citizens of the other or African Americans. Just as we season our turnip to liking of taste that makes a difference.

The crises of policing can be change around with the information missing whether its more training, recruiting or not knowing how to deal with difficulty people of this era. What is it your community need far as policing? I believe sometimes people get in a rough spot financially, loneliness, wanting to be accepted or strung out on drugs as officials. They are people just like we are in the community. The only difference about them they swore serve their community with integrity. But what is the special circumstances lead them down a path that is destruction. Is it right to crucify the police or else create that problem center before it comes to any destruction in their lives. Often so many times we focus on the aftermath. What about the before math of destruction coming into their lives.

We need to start helping people in their now instead of waiting to disaster, trauma or burnout on the job. What is going on in the peace officer life that they need help with today?

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