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Ignore the messenger, but embrace the message

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I was listening to the Mayor of Kansas City schooling the American public on the fact that we simply aren't getting the message of the protests. If we'd only listen, we'd understand the truth about what is being protested and what is expected. The Mayor was (figuratively) wagging his index finger when he implied that we are using the riots as a distraction, almost as an excuse for ignoring the real message.

I really am tuned in to anything we can learn to make this country better and more peaceful. Black citizens are God's children and each of their lives is indeed precious. Then I realized what is a major part of the problem. He wants us to listen to the message and not be distracted by the riots. The problem is that the chosen messenger is the Black Lives Matter organization. And that's the same organization involved in much of the destruction and violence.

The BLM organization has forsaken its important namesake sentiment about the value of lives, in favor of grander and more destructive goals. What remains is a circular argument about ignoring the messenger but embracing the message. No wonder there's no progress.