

Matt 21:15-16

But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"

I received this poem from a friend of mine that was written by a teen in Bagdad, Arizona. After I read it I sent it out to others, because the realization of it hit right at home.

THE NEW SCHOOL PRAYER

*Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.*

*If Scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.*

*Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.*

*For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the state.*

*We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.*

*We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.
It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such "judgments" do not belong.*

We can get our condoms and birth controls,

*Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.*

*It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul please take!*

Amen

We as adults have a responsibility to our children, to make sure they are brought up correctly and with good moral teaching. Reading this today I see how we have not done this. We have allowed the world to take God out of our children's lives as well as our own.

This is the voice of a teenager crying out to us adults wanting to know where our morals are. After all, we are the ones who vote (or don't vote), and the way we vote or lack of voting has allowed this world to continue to be corrupt. And it's not getting any better!

"So what can I do" you may be wondering. "I'm just one person, what difference can I make?"

I have two answers for that question.

First off, as you just thought that you were just one person, the person working next to you thinks the same way. Yes, even the person sitting next to you in church feels that way also. So really you are not just one person, now that makes three, you, your coworker, and the person next to you at church. Those other two may think of another two and so on and so on. Now there are a bunch of people who thought they couldn't make a difference, but are now a part of an army, and if they are all Christians, an army of God!

Second look in today's verse.

The children were singing and worshipping the Lord while the religious leaders were looking down on them. We as adults should be worshipping just as the children do. In fact we should be setting the example of worship instead of just worshipping on Sunday because everybody else in church is doing it.

✠ **Prov 22:6** *Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.*

How are we raising up our children? God's way or the world's way?

† *Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.* Psalm
34:11