

GOD, STILL IN OR WHAT?

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The following article came to me recently and I contended that I should pass it on. It has been slightly edited and a conclusion added.

A daughter of a murdered couple in Raytown, Missouri who had a Bible and Bookstore on 63rd street demonstrates just one more example of "**Drifting Of The USA**". She is quoted as saying the following - read on.

When I had to testify at the **murder trial** of my parents a week ago, I was asked to raise my right hand. The bailiff started out "**Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?**"

I stood there and waited but she said nothing. She said "Do you?" I was so stunned I blurted out "What happened to "so help me God?" She came back with "Do you?" I replied yes, but I was perplexed. Then the judge said "you can say that if you want to." I stopped, raised my right hand, and finished with "So help me God!" I told my son and daughter that when it came time for them to testify, they should do the same. It's no wonder we have so many problems in this country. If I'd had my wits about me I'd have told them that **taking God out of the courtroom** is only going to result in more criminals and murderers like him being in there! I don't know what can be done about it, but it's time we stepped up and did something.

CNBC this morning had a poll on this question. They had the highest number of responses that they have ever had for one of their polls and the percentage was the same as this: 86% to keep the words, 14% against. That is a pretty commanding public response. - I was asked to send this on if I agreed or delete if I didn't. Now it is your turn. **It is said that 86% of Americans believe in God.**

Therefore I have a very hard time understanding why there is such a mess about having "**In God We Trust**" on our money and having "**Under God**" in the Pledge of Allegiance. Why don't we just tell the 14% to **Sit Down and SHUT UP!** If you agree, pass this on.

Plainly, don't get short changed. Let's be ready to meet our Maker. The Bible (in Acts) teaches that to avoid hell and gain heaven - one must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (16:31)
- 2) Repent Of Sins (17:30)
- 3) Confess Christ Audibly (8:37)
- 4) Be Baptized In Water (2:38)
- 5) Live A Christian Life (14:22)
- 6) Be Active In the Church (2:47)

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