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No doubt we live in the greatest country on earth, a country full of freedoms and rights, secured by a constitution protecting them faithfully. But somewhere along the line things have taken a sharp turn. Laws written to support our freedoms have been manipulated to enslave man to sin and corrupt morality. At every turn there seems to be another battle being waged, a battle against what is Godly. 200 years ago men dreamed of a society where Christian values were the focus, now we only hear of those values during election campaigns. We're headed in the wrong direction, we've done a 180, and the headlines are filled with stories that prove it. Consider these facts:

Groups supporting promiscuity between men and children (NAMBLA) operate freely while the courts threaten the Boy Scouts of America who shun homosexuality. Our government spends billions of dollars on its war against drugs, while the alcohol and tobacco industry spend a billion dollars a day creating new dependencies. Don't ask the government for a dollar to start a Christian radio program, yet it pays millions of dollars a year to support porno graphical art displayed in public places. The ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) has attacked prayer in school, the displaying of the 10 commandments, the pledge of allegiance, corporal punishment and any teachings from the Bible.... yet they wonder what has gone wrong in schools like Columbine. Congressional leaders have encouraged teaching "Big Bang theory" and denounced Creation as a lie.... yet in the time of crisis they urge the country to pray. Americans bemoan the amount of money spent on welfare programs for unwed mothers and abandoned babies, but many cities distribute sexual paraphernalia & promote "safe sex". "We must set a Better Example for our youth" is a rallying cry heard from state to state, yet many parents enjoy watching movies filled with violent evil, gratuitous sex and social drug use. Spend 5 minutes asking children what their favorite movies are or the lyrics to their favorite songs and they will make your head spin. Sadly enough, few children can quote a single verse from God's precious word.

Maybe I'm wrong, but it sounds like we are our own worst enemy! The problem will not resolve itself, it requires action. Christians fighting the things that are evil and taking a stand for what is righteous. A change in lifestyle can only come from a change in heart, and it is up to us to instill that in our countrymen. Challenge yourself to become a voice for God in putting our county on the right track, and remember:

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" Prov 14:34

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