

## **RADIO SPOT #15:**

### **New Education Guidelines on Religious Activities in the Public School**

This is Attorney Timothy Denney for Christians and the Law. Parents, students and teachers now have a big help in encouraging public school administrators to allow religious activities in school to the full extent allowed by the law. A new federal law requires the Secretary of Education to issue guidelines on constitutionally protected school prayer. As a condition of receiving certain federal educational funds, local schools must certify in writing to the State that they have no policy that prevents such prayer. These guidelines make clear that a broad range of religious activities are permitted in public schools. The guidelines give students great freedom to engage in prayer and student religious meetings during non-instructional time. Also, schools must permit students to express their religious beliefs in their homework, art work and written and oral assignments. The guidelines even authorize teachers to meet together for prayer before school or during lunch time. The bottom line is this - schools must allow constitutionally protected religious activities or risk losing federal funding.

If you have any comments or questions, please call me, Timothy Denney at (877) 256-1758.