

Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child

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The problem with schoolroom disorder and violence by wayward children is a reflection of the society at large in Western nations, the lack of sufficient corporal punishment and lack of capital punishment (the death penalty) for certain crimes. I call this the heresy of non-punishmentalism. Western societies coddle wayward children and criminals and leave the victims without any recourse to justice and create chaos, disorder, and fear in school or society at large.

Here is what the Word of God says about sufficient corporal punishments when necessary: “Withhold not correction from a child; for if thou strike him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and deliver his soul from hell.” (Prv. 23:13-14) “Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, and the rod of correction shall drive it away.” (Prv. 22:15) “Give thy son his way, and he shall make thee afraid... Give him not liberty in his youth and wink not at his devices. Bow down his neck while he is young and beat his sides while he is a child, lest he grow stubborn and regard thee not, and so be a sorrow of heart to thee. Instruct thy son, and labour about him, lest his lewd behaviour be an offence to thee.” (Eccus. 30:9-13)

And St. Paul says, “And you have forgotten the consolation, which speaketh to you, as unto children, saying: My son, neglect not the discipline of the Lord; neither be thou wearied whilst thou art rebuked by him. For whom the Lord loveth, he chastiseth. And he scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. Persevere under discipline. God dealeth with you as with his sons; for what son is there whom the father doth not correct? But if you be without chastisement, then are you bastards and not sons.” (Heb. 12:5-8)

Cowboys should know this; after all, they tame wild horses by breaking them.

A spirit of effeminacy and non-punishmentalism are pervasive in the West in Democratic nations. A natural effect of democracies and republics is that the people are taught that they have the right to believe and do whatever they want. No one is going to tell them what to do, not even God. This fosters a spirit of rebellion against lawful authority and thus leads to lawlessness, disorder, and chaos. Wayward children, criminals, and other malcontents are coddled and protected while victims are ignored and in some cases vilified when they try to defend themselves.

“A voice was heard in the highways, weeping and howling of the children of Israel, because they have made their way wicked. They have forgotten the Lord their God. Return, you rebellious children, and I will heal your rebellions.” (Jer. 3:21-22)

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