

GOD'S WAYS NO LONGER WORK

By Keith Greer

“Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell.” {Proverbs 23:13,14}

Some seem to think this is poor advice. In Sacramento, CA, lawmakers are seeking to ban the spanking of children less than four years of age.

“California parents could face jail and a fine for spanking their young children under legislation a San Francisco Bay area lawmaker has promised to introduce next week. Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, D-Mountain View, said such a law is needed because spanking victimized helpless children and breeds violence in society... Lieber said her proposal would make spanking, hitting and slapping a child under four a misdemeanor. Adults could face up to a year in jail and a \$1,000.00 fine. Aides to the assemblywoman said they are still working on a definition for spanking...” (Associated Press)

Sadly, this is just another example of the sad state of crumbling morals in our society. This is the same state that attempted to legalize same-sex marriage and marijuana use for recreational purposes! I also learned that Mrs. Lieber has no children of her own! It's amazing to me how those who have no children and no responsibility for raising them to function in the world, know the best ways to discipline them. Such thinking undermines God's Divine instructions. Also read Proverbs 13:24; 22:15; 29:15.

Please understand, no one, including God, is advocating or suggesting child abuse. As a young child, I received many attitude adjustments on my bottom before I was four! I think it led to quite a few less in later years. God's advice is still the best advice available on administering discipline to our children. One needs to look no further than the sad state of our society to see human wisdom in child rearing does not work! “Spare the rod—spoil the child,” remains true today! ***