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“Mild smacking” — only legal chastisement



Parents in England and Wales who smack children so hard it leaves a mark will face up to five years in jail under new laws now in force. Mild smacking is allowed under a “reasonable chastisement” defence against common assault.

But any punishment which causes visible bruising, grazes, scratches, minor swellings or cuts can face action. According to the charity the NSPCC, the law is flawed and there should be a total ban on smacking.

This organisation will have a lot to answer for because of a campaign which has robbed parents of the use of proper Biblical chastisement. The rampant hooliganism and anarchy on the streets of the land are a direct result of the failure to discipline children properly. It is part of the harvest that has followed the

departure from the Bible which has been promoted by false teachers and prophets in the main denominations. The measures were passed in the Children Act last November, when the government suffered a rebellion by 47 Labour MPs who wanted a total ban on smacking.

A similar law is already in operation in Scotland.