

What lessons do children learn from caning or beating?

The child learns:

- To fear the adult that he/she is supposed to bond with. This is because in most cases the adult instil fear in the child by thinking that with that fear the child might not repeat the same thing. Gradually that individual becomes a source of permanent fear before the child and he grows never to love that individual.
- To distrust the adult who is supposed to be the source of protection. The more pains the child receives from the adult the greater the risk of the child not growing to trust that adult, hence children telling their friends their feelings rather than their parents and the adult in their lives.
- To tell lies to avoid been punished. This is not only peculiar with children; even the adults do the same thing. To avoid been punished adults tell lies. The cane teaches children to tell lies. Children who are not caned need not tell lies because they have nothing to fear.
- New tricks any time he does the wrong thing and is not caught. This is because once the child succeeds in outwitting the adult, this becomes one new technique that child has learnt and would definitely use it often and often until it becomes part of his life.
- From the adult's behaviour that human interaction is based on force, and that, might makes right and one can get through life by bullying those younger and weaker. This is very common among our schoolchildren. Seniors have the notion that once they are in the upper classes they can bully their juniors by forcing them do what they themselves would not like to do; hence the friction between juniors and seniors in most schools.
- The more the child is beaten, the greater the likelihood that, that child will become an adult who deals with others not by reason and tolerance, but by force. This is because we are all a reflection of our homes and environment. This is precisely because most spankers never have time to reason with their victims. They only carry out their duty of caning. Even if they try to reason with the victim before caning, no lesson would have been learnt by the victim because at that material moment, the victim might only be thinking of the pain he is going to receive and nothing would have been learnt as education and fear do not go hand in hand.