

VARYING RELIGIOUS VIEWS ON THE APPLICATION OF CORPORAL
PUNISHMENT TO DISCIPLINE CHILDREN IN MWIMBI DIVISION, THARAKA-
NITHI COUNTY – KENYA

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ABSTRACT

This study sought to determine the varied religious views influencing the use of corporal punishment for children discipline among various religious groups varying in Mwimbi Division. The study was guided by the following objectives: to establish the types of corporal punishment used for children discipline in Mwimbi Division; to find out the effectiveness of corporal punishment in Mwimbi Division; to investigate the effects of corporal punishment on children's discipline; to investigate drawbacks of relying on corporal punishment for children's discipline in Mwimbi Division. The research used stratified random sampling procedure and then adopted descriptive research design. The researcher used the questionnaires and the interview schedules as the main instruments for data collection and SPSS 17.0 to analyze the data. The study investigated whether religious affiliation act as a determinant to corporal punishment and found out it did act as a determinant to corporal punishment among Protestant only. The study found out several types of corporal punishment: such as spanking, caning, pulling ears, pinching and throwing implements on children and was able to conclude based on the findings that corporal punishment was not effective. The findings of the study invite further research in other areas or counties to validate and compare the results of this study; be undertaken to establish the factors that influence rebellious and disobedient behavior among children from Pastors' families; and to assess the effectiveness of use of word of God in parenting their children. The researcher recommends that; The Government of Kenya to develop and implement alternative ways of disciplining children especially at the school setup; The Government of Kenya through Department of Children welfare to provide counseling facilities in every county, and parent and guardians be trained on disciplinary lessons. In addition, the churches to be encouraged to hold seminars and workshops for their congregations on alternative ways of disciplining children and the best method at each particular age of the child. Finally Churches to hold camps and seminars on the children behavioral change.