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Spiritual life

An ongoing challenge we read and hear about almost weekly, is the lack of discipline in our school system with unruly teenagers out of control.

Whether it's the lack of measures available to our teaching staff today is a debate for another day.

But what we do know is, that unfortunately a small proportion of young people also seem to be caught up in a gang

culture, often causing serious injuries if not fatalities on the streets of London.

If you tell a child, "keep this rule because if you don't you will be punished!" the child has two doubts in his/her mind: Maybe I won't be caught, and if I am caught, maybe the punishment won't outweigh the crime.

We have to teach our young, that there is an

implicit authority not based on power alone.

The child has to know that there is an eye that sees, an ear that hears – that there is a higher unseen being to which we are all answerable.

This ethos as a backbone of itself, a sure way to reduce crime.

Coupled with a strong discipline, both within the home and in partnership together with their school of lower

or higher education, we can be sure that our children will grow up with a much stronger positive vision.

They will desire to play their part, they will welcome a discipline that will help them develop into an honest and moral generation, showing respect for their parents, teachers, the elderly and perhaps as important, themselves and each other.

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