

Aims of Punishment

- Reformation - changing someone's character for the better.
- Retribution - taking revenge - making a person pay for what they've done.
- Protection - shielding society from the criminal(s).
- Deterrence - aiming to stop people wanting to do something.
- Reparation - making amends for doing something wrong.
- Vindication - punishments put in place to ensure the law is respected.

Prison

- Aims to rehabilitate criminals as well as protect society from them.
- Some people question the effectiveness of prison as a punishment.
- † Prisons should treat people well and help them reform.
- ☾★ Prisons used whilst awaiting trials. Corporal Punishment mostly used under Shar'ah Law.

Restorative Justice

- Offenders are encouraged to think about their crime and effect it has on their victim(s).
- Meetings between criminal & victim held.



Corporal Punishment

Punishment which punishes someone physically.

- † Disapprove of corporal punishment - not loving & may not encourage reform.
- † Some Christians agree with it as a deterrence.
- ☾★ Compulsory for certain crimes in countries that follow Shar'ah Law.
- ☾★ Some Muslims feel harsh punishments are outdated.

Forgiveness

Letting go of bad feelings / grudges against a person or group of people who have hurt you.

- † Forgive others as you wish to be forgiven.
- † God is merciful (forgiving & compassionate).
- † Jesus died for forgiveness of humanity's sins.
- ☾★ Only God can forgive & only those truly sorry.
- ☾★ Humans should forgive those who ask for it.

Death Penalty

Being put to death for a serious crime(s).

For

- OT talks of death penalty for crimes like murder.
- Retaliation for a serious crime.
- Shari'ah Law supports the death penalty for serious crimes.
- Some people deserve it.
- Justice for the victims families.

Against

- It is inhumane.
- No chance of repent or remorse.
- Goes against the teaching of forgiveness.
- May kill the wrong person.
- Hypocritical to say killing is wrong then put someone to death.
- Easy way out for a criminal.



Community Service

People are made to make amends to their local community for their crime.

- E.g. vandals repair their vandalism.