

## 9 MISTAKES TO BE AVOIDED BY PARENTS

### **Mistake #1**

It is a mistake to humiliate, embarrass, belittle as it destroys a child's self confidence

### **Mistake #2**

It is a mistake for a child should to witness violence to their parent; it is as destructive as if it were happening to them. Children raised with violence learn that violence solves problems, when it only causes more problems, like quick tempers, sleep disturbance, depression, and more violence (like fighting at school).

### **Mistake #3**

It is a mistake for parents to blame others, the school, a neighbor, a friend for a child's behavior as it will never help the child to be responsible (a responsible child who grows to a responsible adult is a universal desire of parents)

### **Mistake #4**

It is a mistake for parents to excuse a child's poor choices as being the fault of someone else; this teaches the child they are not responsible for their own behavior (adults who make excuses are poor employees, friends and spouses)

### **Mistake #5**

It is a mistake to think that undeserved praise and making your child feel "special" will ensure good self-esteem. The world will not see them as special until they DO something special. (Believing you are an extraordinary person is an inflated ego, not a healthy ego)

### **Mistake #6**

It is a mistake for a parent to try to be a friend to their child. Children need parents to look up to, respect and believe they can keep them safe. If you are a friend, you are no more capable, respectable then the kids at school. Parents need to be a leader when the kids are young; you can be friends when they are adults.

### **Mistake #7**

It is a mistake to say "no" and then go on and on explaining why you did: if they don't like the decision, they won't like the reason behind it you may give them a reason, DO NOT argue your reason - that is where argumentative children are born you will NEVER convince them to see it your way. Trying is arguing. And as long as YOU argue there is hope "I [the child] will change YOUR mind."

**Mistake #8**

It is a mistake for parents to believe that they are responsible for keeping their child entertained, that their boredom is your problem; many believe the more you buy for them, the more you let them have their way---the better parent you are. Actually it squashes their creativity.

**Mistake #9**

It is a mistake for parents to feel guilty saying "No." Parents often do whatever they can to avoid having the kids angry at them. If you are to be a parent you must say "no" when you need to and be ready to handle their being angry with you.