

Underdiscipline

We are told to: *Discipline your son while there is hope, And do not desire his death.*
Proverbs 19:8.

UNDERDISCIPLINE might occur in these ways:

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Giving in to the demands of the child. (Been watching at the supermarket checkout stands lately?)

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Threatening the child but never following through with the discipline.

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Threatening 3 or 4 times before administering disciplinary action. One warning should be the limit. "Obedience should be quick, cheerful, and complete."

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Inconsistency. Punishing after one occurrence; ignoring it the next. (This is actually the surest way to continue a negative behavior.)

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Mom and Dad disagreeing on whether to discipline.

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Protection and/or interference by grandparents.

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Hollering at the child. (The fastest way to let him know he has gained control over you.)

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Not suiting the discipline to the offense. (Swearing at Mom deserves more than a "Watch your language, Son.")