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## **Getting to Cooperation**

- 1. Use praise when your child is doing something you like or want repeated.
- 2. Be a model of the behavior you want from your child.
- 3. When promising a reward:

Tell your child when he/she does what you want, then they can have or do something they want.

- 4. Be very specific about what must be done and what the reward wil be
- 5. If the child does not do what you want, don't give a reward.
- 6. Always follow through.
- 7. Demand that your child do what you want if it is essential. Use firm, clear statements.
- 8. Watch that your voice carries no hint of a question. If it isn't a question, don't phrase it as one.
- 9. Use demands as little as possible. Save them for the really important things. A rule of thumb is to use demands only when the behavior is required, and you can enforce it.