

STRATEGIC DELAY OF CONSEQUENCES: (John Rosemond)

Once a child has retentive memory, that is can recall events of yesterday, then they are able to retain memories and recall them at will. Consequences for a previous misbehavior can then occur without warning at a time convenient to you. (Warning a child at the time of a misdeed seems most fair, but it can start a power struggle. The child will often continue to disobey or begin to argue and cry as they want to "win." Parents also want to "win" so they up the threat, often in severity and loudness. A power struggle actually brings parents down to the child's level—more like a peer. A few well placed, unexpected consequences and child will begin to pay closer attention to parents.