Birth Order

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Questions?

★ What is the basis for birth order, environmental, genetic or both?
★ What are the four basic birth order types?
Introduction

- History
- Descriptions
- Quirks
- Alterations
- Implications
History

💪 Created by Alfred Adler

💪 Main influences
  – Strength
  – Mixed families

💪 12 basic and pure patterns
  – Combinations
First Born

**Personality Traits**

- Confident
- Determined
- Born leader
- Organized
- Eager to please
- Likes to avoid trouble
First Born

Familiar Feelings

- “Everyone depends on me”
- “I can’t get away with anything”
- “I don’t get to be a kid”
- “Why do I have to do it”
- “Nobody else does anything around here”
- “How come I’m responsible for my younger siblings”
**Middle Child**

**Personality Traits**
- Roll with it
- Great negotiator
- Lots of loyal friends
Middle Child

Familiar Feelings

- “I’m tired of being left out of things”
- “Nobody understands me”
- “Nobody ever listens to me!”
- “I’m always in the shadow of my older sibling”
- “My youngest sibling gets away with everything”
Youngest Child

**Personality Traits**

- Persistent
- A great story teller
- Affectionate
Youngest Child

Familiar Feelings

✦ “I have to work hard to get people to pay attention to me!”
✦ “Nobody takes me seriously”
✦ “Everyone treats me like I’m younger than I am”
Only Child

Personality Traits

- Confident
- Attention to detail
- Good in school
- It’s mine!
- Overly critical
Only Child

Familiar Feelings

- “I didn’t do as well as I should have”
- “Sometimes I feel lonely”
- “I would be much happier with a brother or sister”
- “I’m not getting enough attention”
Other Positions

- Second
- Twin
- “Ghost Child”
- Adopted Child
- Only boy among girls
- Only girl among boys
- All boys
- All girls
Quirks to the System

- How more than four kids are accounted for?
- Based on numbers?
- Intelligence determinant?
- Abuse determinant?
Alterations of Birth Order

- Psychological situation
- Child’s Opinion
- 3 year gap
- Parental attitudes social and economic position
- Gender roles
Implications

- Destined by birth order?
- Destined by genes?
- Destined by both?
- What does personality have to do with the whole situation?
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