

Families



What stage is your family in?

Stage 1: Beginning Family

- Married couple has established their home, but do not yet have kids.



Stage 2: Childbearing Family



- From birth of first child until that child is 2 1/2 yrs old.

Stage 3: Family w/ Preschoolers

- When oldest child is between 2 1/2 and 6 yrs old.



Stage 4: Family w/ School Kids



- When the oldest child is between 6- 13 yrs.

Stage 5: Family w/ Teenagers

- When the oldest child is between 13-20 yrs.



Stage 6: Launching Center



- From the first time the oldest child leaves till the last child leaves.

Stage 7: Empty Nesters

- Starts when all children are gone and lasts until the couple retires.



Stage 8: Aging Family



- From retirement to death of partner.

Types of Families

- Living Alone
- POSSLQs
- Marrying late in life
- Couple with No kids
- Couples with Kids
- Divorced Adults
- Single Parent Families
- Grown children living with parents
- Blended Families
- Grandparents living with Family
- Etc.

What Makes a Family Strong?

- Commitment
- Together Time
- Appreciation
- Communication
- Decision-Making and Responsibility
- Problem Solving
- Values and Spiritual Wellness

Birth Order Characteristics

- Oldest
 - Looked to as the example
 - Treated more like an adult
 - High Achiever
 - Usually college bound
 - Independent
 - Affectionate



Birth Order Characteristics



- Middle
 - Works hard to get recognition
 - Usually a peacemaker
 - Average in schoolwork, but all-around good student
 - Calm, even tempered

Birth Order Characteristics

- Youngest
 - Gets lots of attention
 - May be spoiled
 - Usually matures quickly... or not at all
 - May be undisciplined
 - Is easy-going
 - Like to associate with take-charge people.



Family photo: following them.