

YOU'VE GOT (A) PERSONALITY

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I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. **Psalm 139:14**

Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it. **Proverbs 22:6 (AMP)**

"BENT"—AN INDIVIDUAL TENDENCY, DISPOSITION OR INCLINATION

"You will not be able to redesign the basic personality with which your child was born. Some characteristics are genetically programmed, and they will always be there ... My advice to you is to accept, appreciate and cultivate the personality with which your ... child was born." - James Dobson

BEING, ACCORDING TO TRUTH IS TRUE FREEDOM

THE LION, OTTER, BEAVER AND GOLDEN RETRIEVER

LION—ILLUSTRATION: PAUL Acts 15:36-41

- TAKES CHARGE NATURALLY, BORN TO BE A LEADER
- DESIRES ABOVE ALL TO BE COMPETENT AND GET RESULTS
- DARING, UNAFRAID OF NEW SITUATIONS
- FEELS NATURAL TO THEM TO TELL OTHERS WHAT TO DO
- WELCOMES A CHALLENGE
- FIRM AND SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT IS EXPECTED
- PREFERS THINGS TO BE DONE THE RIGHT WAY
- GOAL ORIENTED
- MAKES DECISIONS QUICKLY
- TYPICALLY NEED TO PROCESS THROUGH GOAL SETTING

OTTER—ILLUSTRATION: PETER Matthew 16:13-23

- LIFE OF THE PARTY, WITHOUT EFFORT
- DESIRES ABOVE ALL TO BE LIKED BY ALL
- FLEXIBLE AND VERY AWARE OF OTHERS, LOVES A CROWD
- FEELS NATURAL TO PERFORM
- OPTIMISTIC, SEES THE GOOD IN EVERYTHING/EVERYONE

- TALKS A LOT, OFTEN EXAGGERATING THE FACTS
- PREFERS THINGS TO BE FUN
- PEOPLE ORIENTED
- IMPULSIVE DECISION MAKER
- TYPICALLY, NEED TO PROCESS BY TALKING

BEAVER—ILLUSTRATION: MOSES Exodus 18:24-27

- DEDICATED AND CONSCIENTIOUS
- DESIRES ABOVE ALL TO BE HELPFUL AND PROVE THEIR WORTH
- PURSUES EXCELLENCE NATURALLY
- TYPICALLY NEAT AND TIDY, NOTICING EVERY DETAIL
- INNATE ABILITY TO STICK TO A JOB TO ITS COMPLETION
- HIGH NEED TO ASK A LOTS OF QUESTIONS
- DETAIL ORIENTED
- AGONIZES OVER DECISIONS, WANTS IT TO BE THE RIGHT ONE
- TYPICALLY, NEED TO PROCESS BY ASKING QUESTIONS AND THEN MAKING LISTS

GOLDEN RETRIEVER—ILLUSTRATION: BARNABAS

And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. ²⁸ So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. ²⁹ And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. ³⁰ When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.

Acts 9:26-30 (NKJV)

- VERY STABLE AND PREDICTABLE
- DESIRES ABOVE ALL TO MOVE SLOWLY AND BE SURE OF THINGS
- FEELS NATURAL TO HELP OTHERS AND BE EMPATHETIC TOWARD THEM
- LOYAL / FAITHFUL TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- LISTENS CAREFULLY TO OTHERS
- PEACE ORIENTED (EVERYBODY STAY CALM!)
- DRAINED BY PEOPLE
- PROCRASTINATES IN DECISION MAKING
- TYPICALLY, NEEDS TO PROCESS BY THINKING IT THROUGH ALONE