

Type Summary

Type 3: The Successful Achiever

Type 3s are efficient, accomplished, motivated, driven, and image-conscious. They achieve, excel, and reach ambitious goals with apparent ease and confidence in fear of failing or appearing unsuccessful.

Type 7: The Entertaining Optimist

Type 7s are playful, excitable, versatile, scattered, and escaping. As lovers of variety, they see endless possibilities and innovation all around them, always longing for more and fearful of missing out.

Core Motivations

Your Type has many important factors, but four Motivations are the driving force behind your thoughts, feelings, and actions. These affect when and how you react in life and relationships.

Type 3: The Successful Achiever

- ⚠ Being exposed as or thought incompetent, inefficient, or worthless; failing to be or appear successful.
- ☀ Having high status and respect, being admired, successful, and valuable.
- 🌀 *Deceit*: deceiving yourself into believing that you are only the image you present to others; embellishing the truth by putting on a polished persona for everyone (including yourself) to see and admire.
- 🔥 You are loved for simply being you.

Type 7: The Entertaining Optimist

- ⚠ Being deprived, trapped in emotional pain, limited, or bored; missing out on something fun.
- ☀ Being happy, fully satisfied, and content.
- 🌀 *Gluttony*: feeling a vast emptiness inside and having an insatiable desire to “fill yourself up” with experiences and stimulation in hopes of feeling completely satisfied and content.
- 🔥 You will be taken care of.

As A Couple

Healthy Relationship

Type 3 and Type 7 couples can be a fantastic combination because they are both energetic, outgoing, capable, and forward thinking. They are social, good communicators and highly stimulated by others, making them a “power couple.” The Type 7 partner’s sense of spontaneity and adventure combined with the Type 3’s focus on goals and sensitivity to others make the couple a fun, generous, and joyful combination. When the relationship is thriving, this couple can bring optimism and success to everything they put their hands to, invigorating others and positively impacting the world around them.

Struggling Relationship

Type 3 and Type 7 couples can have problem areas. Since both partners tend to suppress their negative emotions and ignore problems in the relationship in order to stay “on” and appear happy and perfect, they can each have a hard time living up to their ideals and keeping up their high-energy routines. Though they always look lighthearted on the exterior, their resentments and hurts can build up and wound one another, resulting in envy, self-centeredness, and the loss of intimacy.

Gospel Alignment

In Galatians 2:14, Paul explains to the churches of Galatia what it looks like when our heart condition is out of step or alignment with the Gospel, and we begin to believe we have to work for our relationship status with God instead of resting in the truth that we are his beloved child. In verse 20, Paul says, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Our assessment results help you and your spouse recognize your alignment with the Gospel. When misaligned, your mind and heart wander from your true identity in Christ, and you start to take control of your own life. When aligned, you know, believe, and trust in the finished work of Christ and rest in your full identity in him. To experience Gospel alignment in your marriage, remember that you and your spouse are God’s cherished children, and ask the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and renew your mind.

Misaligned with the Gospel

When your mind and heart wander away from fully believing and trusting in what Christ has done for you, you begin to think that you have to take care of your needs by yourself. You are still his beloved child and know God is loving and providing, but you aren’t 100 percent sure if he will do what’s in your best interest. Therefore, you think you need to take over some control of your life. Getting distracted by what you want (and often demand) causes you to be misaligned with the Gospel and veer off our best path for growth. This level of health is called, “Living in Our Own Strength.”

Aligned with the Gospel

You are resting, believing, and trusting in who you are in Christ and living as His Beloved (healthy and aligned with the Gospel). You are no longer using your personality strategies to meet your needs and desires. Instead, you are coming to your Heavenly Father first, who you know loves you and will provide for you. You also trust that he already accomplished what you need and desire. As you keep your focus on him, you are filled and renewed perfectly every time. This level of health is called, “Living as his Beloved.”

Communication Style

Misaligned Communication

They become more demanding and insistent that the other come through for them in a specific way, leading to more unhealthy pain and misunderstanding. The Type 7’s spontaneous and lighthearted exterior can bring out the Type 3’s insecurity, causing them to pour themselves further into their work and become competitive and self-promoting in their communication. This activates the Type 7’s fear of boredom or being trapped in negativity, leading them to seek out ways to escape the conversation for something more fun and pleasurable. Both Types try to hide their perceived shortcomings and negative emotions, and as the unhealthy cycle continues, relational trust and intimacy suffers.

Aligned Communication

They know their spouse still struggles here on earth and can communicate in hurtful ways, but they can extend grace, mercy, and forgiveness since their heart is resting in the freeing work of Christ on their behalf. They communicate with empathy, patience, and integrity, knowing they are fully loved, valued, and secure in Christ, despite their needs or perceived failures.

Type 3’s Communication Style

Misaligned: Self-promoting, Impatient, Angry, Short, Withholding

Aligned: Clear, Straight-Forward, Confident, Encouraging, Efficient, Solution-Oriented

Type 7’s Communication Style

Misaligned: Scattered, Avoidant, Escaping, Hyper, Self-Focused, Rejecting Anything Unpleasant

Aligned: Lively, Light-hearted, Optimistic, Joyful, Good Listener, Engaged

Conflict Style

Misaligned

Each partner's personality motivations and beliefs become heightened, and conflict style becomes unhealthy. They each begin to insist that their spouse see the situation the way you do, and conform to what they believe is right or best. The more one partner resists, the more the other will demand, feel hurt and play out the conflict from their personality's fears, weaknesses, and unhealthy hardwiring.

Aligned

They both know that each of their hearts can easily go astray, so they both desperately cling to the finished work of Christ before moving toward each other with needs and wants. Focusing on Christ, who perfectly provides for and fulfills them in a way their partner never can, helps lessen the sparks of conflict.

Type 3s in Conflict

Approach to Conflict

- You take a problem-solving approach to resolving conflict by quickly identifying the issue, staying focused on it, and solving it.
- Your desire and priority is to settle issues in the most efficient, competent, and reasonable manner possible.

Misaligned

- You perceive your partner to be overly emotional, keeping you from an efficient solution to the problem. You prioritize productivity over your partner's heart and well-being in the conflict process.
- You feel exposed and uncomfortable, making you unwilling to fully disclose what's going on inside you to your spouse.
- You get frustrated when you perceive your partner denies an issue to keep the peace instead of solving the conflict directly. This feeling activates your Core Fear of being unproductive, inefficient or unsuccessful.

Aligned

- You demonstrate patience and understanding, giving your partner space to feel and express their emotions when you're giving feedback.
- You give your spouse a clear and positive path toward reconciliation, but remember they may not be as quick and determined as you are to attack the problem, and may need your support and encouragement to resolve the issue.
- You recognize and express your emotions, allowing yourself to trust and be vulnerable with your spouse.

Type 7s in Conflict

Approach to Conflict

- You take a positive approach to conflict, downplaying the problem in order to maintain peace and reestablish harmony.
- Your desire and priority is to settle the issue quickly and with as little unpleasantness as possible to remain happy and avoid pain.

Misaligned

- You perceive your partner to be unpleasant, boring, emotional, or slow. You avoid discord by interrupting, jumping from topic to topic, turning the focus to yourself, and reframing negatives into positives.
- You suppress any negative emotions and speed through intense conversations. Your excitable personality can keep your spouse from taking you seriously in conflict.
- You get frustrated when you perceive your partner is being too negative, remaining focused on the problem instead of making peace. This activates your Core Fear of being trapped in emotional pain or missing out on something fun.

Aligned

- You take the time to thoughtfully and intentionally listen to your partner's perspective, fully engaging in the discussion and acknowledging their thoughts and feelings.
- You remember that your spouse may not be as quick in their thought and processing as you are, giving them space to express their feelings and staying present and focused on the issue at hand.
- You allow yourself to go inward, experience negative emotions, and openly express your feelings to your partner.

Childhood Impact On the Relationship

Primary Childhood Message

Our “Childhood Message” is the message we were told directly, or we sensed and interpreted from life circumstances through the lens of our personality Type. This message greatly affected and pained us as children, and now as adults. It’s crucial that we identify how these messages have impacted our hearts, so we can replace them with the healing, freeing truth of Christ.

Misaligned

You believe your childhood messages to be true, causing you to live them out in ways that are not beneficial to you or others.

Aligned

You recognize you have interpreted your growing up years through the lens of your personality type. You take the time to separate and trust what is true of you and your spouse in Christ over what is false.

Type 3’s Childhood Message

Childhood Message: “It’s not okay to have your own feelings and identity.”

Misaligned: You cover up your emotions and who you really are and take on an image or persona that your spouse and others will find most admirable, acceptable, and valuable. This keeps you in a constant state of performance, inhibiting true intimacy in your marriage relationship.

Aligned: You realize you only need to look to God for your validation and approval, and that He wants the real you to be in close relationship with Him. You stop striving to always be “on,” and allow your partner to see your true self. You find rest in the knowledge that you are valued and cherished for simply being you.

Type 7’s Childhood Message

Childhood Message: “It’s not okay to depend on anyone for anything.”

Misaligned: Your craving for constant stimulation and satisfaction keep you from entering into deep intimacy with your spouse. This disconnection frustrates you and contributes to your belief that others will never fully come through for you, leaving you feeling disappointed with your partner. Your spouse may feel wounded when you skirt responsibility or ignore their negative emotions for fear of missing out on anything fun or being trapped in emotional pain.

Aligned: When you fully trust God to meet your needs, you find contentment both in your circumstances and with your spouse. When filled with the hope of the Gospel, you can focus on your spouse’s feelings and become a better listener. Through Christ, you learn to come to terms with hard circumstances by going inward, experiencing your emotions, and learning how to communicate what you are feeling to your partner.

Suggestions for Growth

Type 3

Pray that you will truly know, believe, and trust that Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection demonstrated how valuable and loved you are for simply being you, and removing the need to appear always polished, productive, and successful.

Type 7

Pray that you will truly know, believe, and trust that Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection perfectly demonstrates how He has taken care of all your needs, allowing you to experience true satisfaction and a contented heart.

Becoming Us

A thriving marriage requires coming alongside your spouse as they grow into the person God created them to be. When you surrender to the Holy Spirit and depend solely on Him, you'll experience powerful transformation and complete freedom as individuals and as a couple.

Misaligned

You constantly seek to change your spouse, trying to conform them into your own image. You look to your partner to “fill you up,” instead of looking to Christ to meet all your needs.

Aligned

Your heart is at rest and satisfied because it knows that Christ has completely fulfilled its Core Longing. This allows you to trust and have patience in God's perfect timing for your partner's growth. You seek unity by having more understanding and compassion for yourself and your spouse.

How to Support Your Type 7 Spouse

- Encourage your partner when you see them growing, taking time to rest, focus on others, and not defining their worth based on their accomplishments. Remind them that you love them for who they are, and not for what they achieve.
- Affirm when you see them honestly expressing their feelings and being authentic with you and others. Remind them that they are God's cherished and beloved child.

How to Support Your Type 3 Spouse

- Encourage your partner when you see them growing, fully listening to you, and acknowledging and expressing their own emotions.
- Affirm when you see them finding their satisfaction and contentment in Christ, looking to him to meet their needs rather than running to new experiences. Remind them that only Christ truly satisfies.



BECOMING Us

Discover the intricate way in which you and your partner were created, and the unique Type qualities you each bring to the marriage relationship.

Learn specific ways to grow, both individually and as a couple, to improve your relationship and fulfill God's calling and purpose for your marriage.

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