

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 9: The Peaceful Mediator

Type 9s are thoughtful, reassuring, receptive, accommodating, and resigned. They are natural peacemakers and agents of reconciliation who bring a sense of calm and empathy wherever they go. They “go along to get along” to avoid the internal or external conflict they feel.

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 9: The Peaceful Mediator

- ⚠ Being in conflict, tension, or discord; feeling shut out and overlooked; losing connection and relationship with others.
- ☀ Having inner stability and peace of mind.
- 🌀 *Sloth*: remaining in an unrealistic and idealistic world in order to keep the peace, remain easy-going, and not be disturbed by your anger; falling asleep to your passions, abilities, desires, needs, and worth by merging with others to keep peace and harmony.
- 🔥 Your presence matters.

As A Couple

Healthy Relationship

Type 3 and Type 9 couples can be a fantastic combination because they balance one another out so well. The Type 3 brings ambition and energy, while the Type 9 brings acceptance and security. They benefit from one another's unwavering support and encouragement, giving the Type 3 the confidence they need to push toward their goals and the reminder to relax and enjoy the simple things in life, and helping the Type 9 invest in themselves and express their thoughts and opinions. Both spouses have a positive outlook and want to avoid conflict, making the world a more positive and comfortable place.

Struggling Relationship

Type 3 and Type 9 couples can have problem areas. Since both Types are highly motivated to keep the peace and positivity, they can ignore negative emotions or problems in the relationship to maintain comfort and stability. Though they both try to always look happy on the surface, the suppression of feelings can cause them both to feel wronged, unvalidated and unseen. Resentment and frustration can build up and wound one another, resulting in the loss of trust and 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	Aligned 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.”	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	Aligned 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. Both Types tend to suppress their feelings instead of voicing them, in fear of disrupting the stability and comfort of the relationship. The Type 9 is often avoidant, resentful that if they express anything negative, their Type 3 spouse will feel attacked or inadequate. When communication is strained, the Type 3 feels stifled and rejected, and the Type 9 feels like their voice doesn’t matter, and as the unhealthy cycle continues, relational trust and intimacy suffers.	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, insecurities, 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 9’s Communication Style Misaligned: Detached, Passive or Passive-Aggressive, Stubborn, Avoidant, Unsure Aligned: Kind, Good Listener, Receptive, Nonjudgmental, Peaceful, Optimistic, 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.

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.

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 9s 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 tension and unpleasantness as possible to avoid pain.

Misaligned

- You say "yes" when you really want to say "no," out of fear of prolonging the conflict, creating further disconnection, or losing inner peace. This contributes to your feelings of being overlooked or that your presence and perspective doesn't matter, further straining the relationship.
- You meander in your communication in conflict, since you're unsure or afraid to express how you really think and feel.
- You suppress your true feelings to the point of eruption, and you violently explode in anger toward your spouse when you reach your breaking point.
- 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 tension, discord, and losing connection with others.

Aligned

- You realize that conflict can bring about progress and greater intimacy when done well, so you approach it with purpose, courage, and confidence.
- You communicate your perspective and desires in a clear, concise, and straightforward manner. You take the time to think, process, and practice your delivery.
- -You remember that your presence and perspective are valuable, and that conflict is a two-way street. You actively contribute to the conversation and resist the urge to acquiesce to your spouse's opinions and preferences.

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 9’s Childhood Message

Childhood Message: “Don’t assert yourself.”

Misaligned: You neglect your desires, passions or needs, and go along to get along with your spouse. To disengage with what is disturbing you, you numb out or shut down, accommodating your partner in hopes of keeping the peace. In the process, you lose yourself and feel increasingly overlooked, neglected, and resentful in the relationship.

Aligned: You take the time to think through and identify your thoughts, views, and opinions, and express them to your spouse in a clear and direct way. You realize that your presence and viewpoint are an integral component of a healthy marriage and that merging with your partner causes harm to both you and your relationship.

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 9

Pray that you will truly know, believe, and trust that Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection perfectly demonstrates that your presence matters, and frees you from the need to hide behind and merge with others to have an identity.

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 9 Spouse

- Encourage your partner when you see them growing, setting goals, taking a stand, confidently asserting themselves and expressing their desires and passions.
- Affirm them when they trust that their presence and voice matter to Christ and live this out in all areas of their life.

How to Support Your Type 3 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.



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.

Visit becomingus.com for your customized course!