

Type Summary

Type 4: The Romantic Individualist

Type 4s are authentic, creative, expressive, deep, and temperamental. They bring a unique beauty, depth, and creativity to the world around them in their search for significance and value.

Type 8: The Protective Challenger

Type 8s are assertive, self-confident, intense, big-hearted, and confrontational. They feel a strong need to protect themselves against betrayal and powerlessness by always having an invincible exterior and minimizing any personal vulnerability.

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 4: The Romantic Individualist

- ❗ Being inadequate, emotionally cut off, plain, mundane, defective, flawed, or insignificant.
- ☀️ Being unique, special, and authentic.
- 🌀 *Envy*: feeling that you're tragically flawed, something foundational is missing inside you, and others possess qualities you lack.
- 🔥 You are seen and loved for exactly who you are—special and unique.

Type 8: The Protective Challenger

- ❗ Being weak, powerless, harmed, controlled, vulnerable, manipulated, and left at the mercy of injustice.
- ☀️ Protecting yourself and those in your inner circle.
- 🌀 *Lust/Excess*: constantly desiring intensity, control, and power; pushing yourself willfully on life and people to get what you want.
- 🔥 You will not be betrayed.

As A Couple

Healthy Relationship

Type 4 and Type 8 couples can be a fantastic combination because they share a strong empathy, intuition, and passion. The Type 4's internal intuition can help the Type 8 become more sensitive and emotionally mature, while the Type 8's external intuition can help the Type 4 be more practical and feel more secure. When the relationship is thriving, it's full of energy and excitement that betters each partner and the common good.

Struggling Relationship

Type 4 and Type 8 couples can also have problem areas. They both seek domination in different ways, the Type 4 partner looking for emotional control, and the Type 8 looking for social control. Both Types can be emotionally turbulent, and prone to rage, depression, vengeance, and impulsivity. Power struggles, pride, and anger can result in a loss of relational 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. Communication can become strained when each Type prioritizes being right or in control over their partner’s feelings. Arguing can diminish true connection, causing them both to withhold attention and affection, 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 that they are each fully loved, complete and satisfied in Christ, despite their emotional needs or insecurities.

Type 4’s Communication Style

Misaligned: Moody, Emotionally Intense, Overly Explosive or Detached, Condescending, Self-Focused

Aligned: Authentic, Deep, Balanced, Empathetic, Good Listener

Type 8’s Communication Style

Misaligned: Demanding, Quick to Anger, Insensitive, Challenging, Blunt, Hurtful

Aligned: Generous, Loyal, Honest, Assertive, Confident, Protective, Tactful

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 4s in Conflict

Approach to Conflict

- You take a reactive and more emotional approach to resolving conflict, focusing on the magnitude of the issue and your spouse's response to it.
- Your desire and priority is to give full weight to the problem and to have the opportunity to express your feelings about it.

Misaligned

- You prioritize your thoughts and feelings over your partner's, ruminating on your hurt feelings, frustrations, and irritations for extended periods. You disengage and hold on to internal resentment, keeping you from restoration and resolution.
- You feel shamed and insecure, believing the disagreement to be proof that you are flawed, insignificant, or lacking.
- You get frustrated when you perceive that your partner doesn't understand and thoroughly acknowledge the weight of the conflict and how it makes you feel by trying to ignore it or solve it too quickly. This feeling activates your Core Fear of being emotionally cut off, inadequate, or insignificant.

Aligned

- You remain steady, grounded, and sober-minded in the face of tension, clearly expressing yourself in a way that allows your spouse to hear, understand and move toward you.
- You remember that your feelings don't define you. You control your feelings instead of letting them control you.
- You approach the conflict with empathy and self-control, considering your partner's perspective and remembering that the disagreement does not reflect on your worth and significance.

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 8s in Conflict

Approach to Conflict

- You take a reactive and more emotionally-charged approach to resolving conflict, focusing on the magnitude of the issue and your spouse's response to it.
- Your desire and priority is to give full weight to the problem and to have the opportunity to express your feelings about it.

Misaligned

- You perceive your partner to be overly sensitive, unaware of the intimidating power and strong energy you give off.
- The raw, direct, and blunt delivery of your message keeps your partner from receiving it, wounding or threatening them and exasperating the issue at hand.
- You get frustrated when you perceive that your partner doesn't understand and thoroughly acknowledge the weight of the conflict and how it makes you feel by trying to ignore it or solve it too quickly. This feeling activates your Core Fear of powerless, controlled, or at the mercy of injustice.

Aligned

- You focus on being soft, optimistic, encouraging, and tactful in your delivery so that your partner can receive what you're saying and move toward reconciling the issue.
- You trust and respond to your spouse when they inform you that you need to dial back your intensity in the conflict.
- You share more of your heart and vulnerabilities with your mate, realizing that this softer approach will benefit your relationship and resolve disagreements faster. You trust God to be your protector and shield, remembering He will never forsake or betray you.

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 4’s Childhood Message

Childhood Message: “It’s not okay to be too much and not enough.”

Misaligned: You look to your spouse to rescue you from your deep inner turmoil and fear of abandonment. You assume you can’t really be understood and loved for simply being your authentic self, so you push your spouse away, relying on your inner feelings and imagination. Your alienation further fuels your shameful belief that something is fundamentally missing or tragically flawed within you.

Aligned: You realize that God sees and loves you for the unique person you are, and that you only need to look to Him for your validation. He created you with deep longings, feelings and passions, and He wants the real you to be in close relationship with Him. You begin to minimize your self-referencing thoughts and behavior, focusing on your partner and appreciating them on a deeper level.

Type 8’s Childhood Message

Childhood Message: “It’s not okay to be vulnerable or to trust anyone.”

Misaligned: Fearing rejection or betrayal by your spouse, you’re harsh, strong-willed, controlling, confrontational, and overprotective of your spouse, wounding them and preventing vulnerability and intimacy. You erect a wall between you and your partner, serving as a strong armor to protect your tender heart. When you feel threatened, you can react with vengeance and intense authority.

Aligned: You find security and rest in the fact that God is your protector and shield, releasing your need to take control and harnessing your power and passion for creating a safe place for your partner and others. By recognizing the power, provision, and protection of God, you learn to dial back your intensity and become more trusting and vulnerable with your spouse, greatly benefiting your relationship.

Suggestions for Growth

Type 4

Pray that you will truly know, believe, and trust that Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection perfectly satisfies all of your deepest longings to be accepted and secure. Rest in knowing that you belong, and are seen and understood for your unique and authentic self. As Christ’s cherished child, you have been rescued from all shame and inadequacy.

Type 8

Pray that you will truly know, believe, and trust that Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection perfectly demonstrates how much love, power, strength, and determination He has for you. He has rescued you from being your own protector, and you can rest as His beloved child.

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 4 Spouse

- Encourage your partner when you see them growing, displaying emotional balance and believing that they are complete and cherished in Christ.
- Affirm them by complimenting the positive qualities you see and admire in them. Remind them that nothing is missing in them and you love them for exactly who they are.

How to Support Your Type 8 Spouse

- Encourage your partner when you see them growing, slowing down and resisting their urge to push their way through or take action.
- Affirm them when they bring out their softer side and change how they communicate to accommodate others' communication style and needs.
- Applaud them when they are vulnerable, trusting Christ to protect and never betray them.



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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