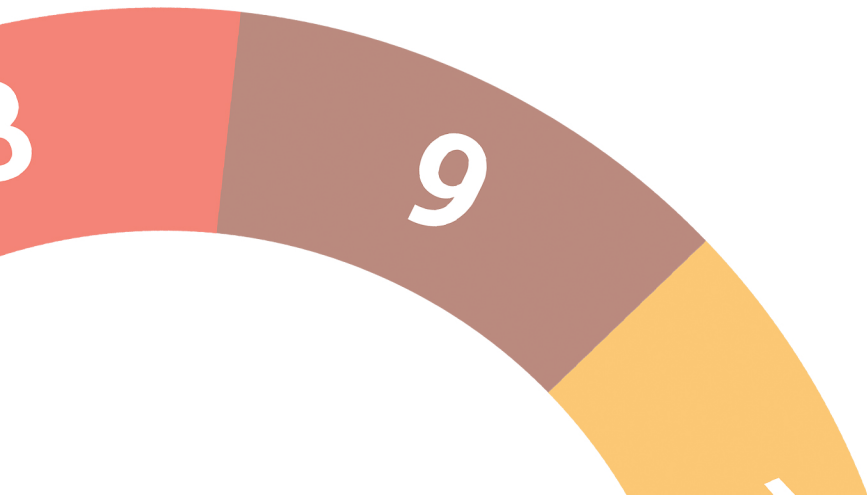


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Enneagram Type 9

Description:

The Enneagram 9—or, as they are often referred to, the Peacemakers—are part of the triad of personalities who operate out of their bodies, or their instincts, as their center. Content with what's right in front of them, 9s are willing to go with the flow, seeking to preserve the most peaceful environment as possible for themselves and for others.

9s can be used by God in this world when they tap into that resolve to engage with the world, even when conflict is present, and to use their peacemaking skills to bring people together.

Positive Traits:

reassuring, agreeable, content

Potential Trouble Spots:

may become stagnant, unable to move, giving the appearance of being lazy or even slothlike

Find out more about other Enneagram types, and how each Enneagram number has a special purpose in God's family by watching "Relating to God Through the Enneagram," a special series on

[YouTube.com/JesusCallingBook](https://www.youtube.com/JesusCallingBook)

Take a free Enneagram Assessment to identify your Enneagram type. Visit assessment.youenneagramcoach.com. And ask your loved ones to take the test, too!

Discussion 1: Modeling the Prince of Peace

Please read the devotion (or listen if you have the *Jesus Calling* audiobook) and related Scripture passage from *Jesus Calling* dated December 2nd, and then answer/discuss these questions.

Questions:

1. Enneagram 9s are called Peacemakers for a reason—we thrive in harmony. But what differences have you noticed between the “peace” the world prizes and God’s peace?

2. We can’t stand conflict, so if problems arise, we often find the quickest way to resolve them. But this *Jesus Calling* passage reminds us that sometimes we have to take the longer route—even though it’s uncomfortable—in order to pursue Him fully. Have you ever found yourself backing away from a conflict because you were afraid? If you remembered you had the Prince of Peace by your side, do you think that would’ve helped you stay in that conflict?

3. We long to be like Jesus, to learn from His ways like it says in Psalm 25:4. How can we learn from His example of spreading peace and harmony? How can we spread His peace and harmony today?

Discussion 2: Courage in the Face of Conflict

Please read the devotion (or listen if you have the *Jesus Calling* audiobook) and related Scripture passage from *Jesus Calling* dated December 18th, and then answer/discuss these questions.

Questions:

1. We avoid conflict so strongly that we often forget it can shape us into a better version of ourselves. Are you open to being teachable? What have you learned from some conflicts in your past?

2. If we can train ourselves to thank God for problems versus running from them, we remove the negative hold that conflict has over us and, instead, revel in the God who can resolve anything. How have you let conflict get in the way of your growth before?

3. 2 Corinthians 4:17 shows us that passing conflicts we face today are preparing us to show God's glory. Has it ever crossed your mind that God can use affliction for good? What might He be trying to show you by allowing your feathers to be ruffled?

Discussion 3: Setting Boundaries & Using Our Gifts

Please read the devotion (or listen if you have the *Jesus Calling* audiobook) and related Scripture passage from *Jesus Calling* dated July 6th, and then answer/discuss these questions.

Questions:

1. We 9s are people-pleasers, but we have to be prepared to set boundaries for ourselves when it's necessary. Have you let the world dictate who you should be? How can you find what's true and right for your life so that you become the person God wants you to be?

2. While we are good at open-mindedness and suspending judgement, we find it difficult to face problems with others. We do all we can to avoid upsetting situations, which sometimes means we minimize a real problem. How can you ask God for courage to address what's bothering you, and to push back against the world to ensure your own needs are met, too?

3. Type 9s fear chaos and conflict, but Romans 8:15–16 reminds us that God did not design us to have a spirit of fear. What are some ways you and God can work in harmony to help you harness your peacemaking abilities (and your gift to mediate and see multiple perspectives) even in an atmosphere of conflict?

Discussion 4: Moving Past the Present

Please read the devotion (or listen if you have the *Jesus Calling* audiobook) and related Scripture passage from *Jesus Calling* dated April 14th, and then answer/discuss these questions.

Questions:

1. We 9s are good at living in the moment, without letting the past bother us or the future concern us. But we also have to remember to build a relationship with God that doesn't become stagnant. How can you train yourself to open your eyes and ears to how Jesus is working toward shaping who you will become? How can you meet God in a way that allows progress, and not let your desire to stay firmly right where you are get in the way?

2. It is truly a gift to be content. What are the ways you see God when you're focused on soaking up the moment you're in?

3. We can appreciate consistency, because the unknown and turmoil scare us. Can you think of a time when God has been your soul's anchor through times of trouble, like it says in Hebrews 6:19?

Discussion 5: Courage to Engage

Please read the devotion (or listen if you have the Jesus Calling audiobook) and related Scripture passage from Jesus Calling dated October 25th, and then answer/discuss these questions.

Questions:

1. One of the pitfalls of a stressed 9 is we tend to go numb, effectively becoming emotionally paralyzed, because it's easier for us to disengage. How often do you feel yourself numbing out to the trouble around you?

2. It takes a great courage to engage—in relationship, in conflict, in connection—but it's so worth it. Think of a time when you found the ability to engage, even when it was hard. How did it make you feel to be part of something, even if it was scary? Did it help you feel more confident in yourself?

3. John 10:10 NKJV reminds us that God came to give us a more abundant life. How can you ask Him to open you up to new possibilities that will fill you with joy?
