

What are the nine drives of the Enneagram?

The nine drives of the Enneagram are summarized below. Each drive is connected to a "Center of Intelligence," which is an initial, go-to way of reacting and responding to the world and others. The Centers are the Head (IQ), Heart (EQ), or Gut/Instinct (GQ). Growing through the Enneagram begins with identifying your core drive.

TYPE 1: TO PERFECT



Reliable and dedicated, 1's are driven to live the right way, correct what is wrong, and create a perfect world

TYPE 4: TO EXPRESS



Dramatic and creative, 4's are driven to be known, express their feelings, and create beauty

TYPE 7: TO ENJOY





Fun and adventurous, 7's are driven to be happy, avoid struggle, and experience the highs of life

TYPE 2: TO HELP



Loving and sacrificial, 2's are driven to help others, feel needed, and do things for people

TYPE 5: TO KNOW



Thoughtful and reflective, 5's are driven to understand, gain knowledge, and preserve resources

TYPE 8: TO INFLUENCE





Courageous and strong, 8's are driven to speak up, maintain autonomy, and avoid weakness

TYPE 3: TO SUCCEED



Energetic and talented, 3's are driven to be productive, to be efficient, and viewed as successful by others

TYPE 6: TO SECURE



Trustworthy and committed, 6's are driven to be feel safe, ask questions, and support or resist authority

TYPE 9: TO BE AT PEACE





Agreeable and flexible, 9's are driven to maintain peace, see multiple perspectives, and go with the flow