

Type 8 – part of the BODY Triad

For Enneagram Type 8, working Step One involves facing the ways in which their need for control, power, and strength has impacted their relationship with food. Type 8s may use food as a way to assert control or to avoid vulnerability.



4. Surrender the Fear of Being Controlled:

Type 8s fear being controlled or overpowered, which may lead them to use food as a way to maintain dominance. Admitting powerlessness involves surrendering the need to be the one in control.

Week 4 Reflection question:

“How have I used food to avoid feeling controlled or vulnerable, and how has that made my relationship with food unmanageable?”

Summary: Type 8s work Step One by admitting their powerlessness over their need to control their eating and emotions. By learning to embrace vulnerability and trusting the recovery process, they can begin to heal their relationship with food and find freedom. ¹

Step 1

Type 8

Question 4



The First MONTHLY Step-Up Challenge

2 **Type 1** You usually seek to FEEL Perfect so do one of these this week:
3 Seek criticism
4 Break a Rule (don't get arrested!)
5 Do something completely illogical

7 **Type 2** You usually seek to FEEL Connected so do one of these this week:
8 Take care of a need for yourself that you have been ignoring
9 Spend at least an hour completely alone (& NOT distracted)
10 Say "no" to someone who you believe may need help.

12 **Type 3** You usually like to FEEL Outstanding so do one of these this week:
13 Try something you are pretty sure you will fail at
14 Be alone for an hour and feel sad & cry about a past event
15 Do a task (that is usually easy) with your non-dominant hand (no knives please!)

17 **Type 4** You usually like to FEEL Unique so do one of these this week:
18 Spend time somewhere (in Nature?) that makes you feel SMALL
19 Blend in with a crowd
20 Talk with someone about the weather or other small talk.

Type 8 You usually like to FEEL Powerful so do one of these this week:
Ask for something by dropping hints (rather than asking directly)
Stand in line at a grocery store, stand in the longest line and don't switch to a shorter line. (NO yelling at anyone!)
In a safe place with no obstacles to trip over, let someone blindfold you and lead you around

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22 **Type 5** You usually like to FEEL Sufficient so do one of these this week:
23 Emotionally react to a sad "animal" movie like "Old Yeller" or "Ring of Bright Water" (give yourself permission to cry if you feel like it)
24 Spend an hour in a crowd and feel part of the crowd (not just observing- like really get into a sport or a movie)
25 Ask an expert a question about a topic that you know nothing about

27 **Type 6** You usually like to FEEL Secure so do one of these this week:
28 Follow someone else's instructions
29 Do something that you have not prepared for at all
30 Allow yourself to FEEL that you may not be enough (& journal that)

32 **Type 7** You usually like to FEEL Satisfied so do one of these this week:
33 Decide to FEEL angry, judgemental, some negative emotion about a character in a movie, then journal about that.
34 Stand in line at a grocery store, stand in the longest line and don't switch to a shorter line.
35 Make a 7 item to do list and go down it item by item until they are all done- no jumping around!

Type 9 You usually like to FEEL At Peace so do one of these this week:
Order a VERY SPECIFIC meal at a restaurant (be very direct and unapologetic)
Play against someone and force yourself to be very competitive
Make a decision you have been putting off (no contracts, please)

*We admitted we were powerless over _____
that our lives had become unmanageable*

What may make Step 1 difficult for MY Type?

Type	Passion	Type	Passion
1	I need to Keep the perfect illusion going	6	I cannot trust something I can't see
2	I Seek my "self" in others- to be loved. How could someone so giving be an addict?	7	"Managing" limits my options and it might not be fun.
3	I seek my "self" in others – to be admired- Isn't being successful proof that I'm not an addict?	8	If I'm not in charge. Who else will be in charge? If I AM in charge- I will manage!
4	I feel intense emotions that seem to take over- that IS unmanageable!	9	This feels uncomfortable. I'd rather be numb & comfortable.
5.	Knowledge is power. If I know enough I am never powerless.		

This is a summary of a potential roadblock in recovery. Try it on for fit....no worries if it doesn't quite fit- there's work ahead 😊