Catch-22 Mapping - The Emotional Trap of Each Enneagram Type

Type 1

LONGING: To be good and worthy of love

STRATEGY: Strives for perfection and correctness

CATCH-22: Perfection creates rigidity, making intimacy feel conditional.

Type 2

LONGING: To be loved for who they are

STRATEGY: Gives and helps to feel needed and loved

CATCH-22: Disowning their own needs makes them invisible to themselves and others.

Type 3

LONGING: To be seen and valued for their true self

STRATEGY: Performs and succeeds to earn admiration

CATCH-22: Success distances them from authenticity, leaving them unseen.

Type 4

LONGING: To feel deeply seen and emotionally connected

STRATEGY: Amplifies emotional depth and uniqueness

CATCH-22: Intensity and withdrawal create the very distance they fear.

Type 5

LONGING: To feel understood and safe in connection

STRATEGY: Withdraws and withholds to protect energy and autonomy

CATCH-22: Distance prevents the understanding and intimacy they desire.

Type 6

LONGING: To feel safe and supported

STRATEGY: Doubts and questions to prepare and protect

CATCH-22: Vigilance breeds mistrust, making safety elusive.

Type 7

LONGING: To feel joyfully alive and fulfilled

STRATEGY: Avoids pain and plans for pleasure

CATCH-22: Fleeing discomfort fractures the presence needed for real joy.

Type 8

LONGING: To trust and be emotionally safe

STRATEGY: Controls and dominates to avoid betrayal

CATCH-22: Strength becomes armor that blocks tenderness and trust.

Type 9

LONGING: To belong without conflict

STRATEGY: Merges with others and avoids tension

CATCH-22: Self-erasure prevents the true inclusion they seek.