ESTJ Overview

Order of Preferences	Type Dynamics
 1st Thinking: Dominant 2nd Sensing: Auxiliary 3rd Intuition: Tertiary 4th Feeling: Inferior 	 Extraverted Thinking: Outwardly decisive and logical, focused on accomplishing tasks Introverted Sensing: Inwardly attuned to the immediate facts and details Intuition: As you mature, consider more long-term implications Introverted Feeling: Development area is considering personal impacts

ESTJ Brief Description:

- Leads by planning, providing direction, and assigning responsibilities
- Influences by modeling the standards and commitment expects from others
- Focus on structuring tasks, so goals met

ESTJ Characteristics Frequently Associated:

- Practical, realistic, matter of fact
- Quick to implement decisions, decisive
- Organize to get things done, results, efficient
- Have clear, logical standards, systematic
- Forceful in implementing their plans

Managing Stress:

<u>Appreciate your stress triggers and figure out ways to minimize them</u>: Stress triggers for ESTJs may include last minute deadlines, surprises, unclear communication, incompetent people, inefficiency, dealing with emotional situations that disrupts original plan.

<u>Understand how your type displays stress</u>: Under stress, ESTJs may display extreme emotion, be very quiet and somber, hide tension, get very critical and negative, become assertive, tense, and ignore others.

Situations that are stressful for ESTJs:			
E = Typical Work Stressors for Extraverts	S = Typical Work Stressors for Sensing Types		
Working alone	Attending to own and others' insights		
Having to communicate mainly by email	Having to do old things in new ways		
Lengthy work periods with no interruptions	Having to give an overview without details		
Having to reflect before taking action	Looking for the meaning in facts		
Having to focus in depth on one thing	 Focusing on possibilities 		
Getting feedback in writing only	Too many complexities		
T = Typical Work Stressors for Thinking Types	J = Typical Work Stressors for Judging		
Using personal experiences to assess situations	Waiting for structure to emerge from process		
Adjusting to individual differences and needs	Being expected to use "inner timing"		
Noticing and appreciating what is positive	Too much flexibility around time frames and		
 Focusing on processes and people 	deadlines		
Using empathy and personal values to make	Having to marshal energy at the last minute		
decisions	Staying open to re-evaluation of tasks		
Having others react to questioning as divisive	 Dealing with surprises 		

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Managing Stress Tips for ESTJs:

In your dominant, you enjoy leadership, make decisions easily, look for truth, effectiveness, and commitment in your action.

 \rightarrow TIP: Think about how you perform at your best. Try to proactively create more situations like these. Recognize when you're working on tasks that you prefer not to do over an extended period of time. Ask for help, build in break times, and suggest alternative ways to achieving the desired result.

When you are under stress, you may become hypersensitive to others' criticism and are prone to emotional outbursts.

 \rightarrow TIP: Learn to recognize when you are becoming stressed, so you can pause and reflect. Be open with others about being stressed and build in time for solitude and rest.

- When you are under pressure, you become uncomfortable with your feelings.
 TIP: Work to identify feelings and emotional reactions as useful information and actively demonstrate empathy with others' feelings.
- You are often realistic and focused on details to any situation.
 TIP: Reflect more on the big picture and content; try to actively demonstrate openness and empathy with others' feelings and perspectives.
- Because of a natural drive to critique with precision and pragmatic intensity, you may overcontrol a situation.

→ TIP: Learn to ask open-ended questions, such as "Tell me more about..." rather than have a checklist of yes-no items.

To maintain a balance, regularly explore your personal values and commitments.

 \rightarrow TIP: Find time for solitude, rest, and assess limitations. Proactively build in times for breaks on busy days to help you recharge and be happy. Before major events schedule alone time.

Document actions to help you adapt and flex outside your preferences to manage stress triggers.
 TIP: Conduct a continue, start, and stop exercise that can help you simplify ways to implement

actions on a regular basis. For example:			
Continue	Start	Stop	
 Being practical and realistic Organizing and outlining next steps 	 Demonstrating greater flexibility and listening to others' views Showing more interest in new ideas 	 Equating efficiency with effectiveness Assuming collaboration will reduce changes of getting to the best solution 	

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