## A HOW-TO GUIDE

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## **ls Your Inner Child Deeply Wounded? Here's**How to Know

We all carry within us a younger version of ourselves—our inner child.

This part of the psyche, as explored by Carl Jung and later expanded by psychologists like John Bradshaw and Stefanie Stahl, holds our early emotional memories, unmet needs, joys, fears, and protective strategies.

While our inner child can be a source of creativity, playfulness, and deep emotional truth, it can also carry wounds from times when we felt unseen, unloved, or unsafe.



If left unacknowledged, these wounds can quietly shape our adult relationships, self-worth, boundaries, and even our sense of purpose.

That's why taking the time to check in and ask: "Is my inner child deeply wounded?" is not only powerful—it's a vital step toward emotional healing and personal growth.

## **Signs Your Inner Child May Be Deeply Wounded**

Below are some gentle but powerful questions to help you tune into your inner child's emotional state.

Please, answer them with honesty and self-compassion:



- 1.Do I often feel not good enough, even when I succeed?
- 2.Am I overly afraid of being rejected, abandoned, or judged?
- 3.Do I people-please or suppress my truth to keep the peace?
- 4.Do I avoid conflict at all costs—or become reactive and defensive when triggered?
- 5.Do I have a hard time trusting others or setting healthy boundaries?



- 6.Do I feel like I carry emotional burdens that aren't fully mine?
- 7.Am I stuck in relationships where I feel unseen, unappreciated, or powerless?
- 8.Is it hard for me to relax, play, or express joy without guilt?
- 9.Do I feel emotionally overwhelmed by small things?
- 10.Do I fear being "too much" or "not enough"?
- If you said "yes" to several of these, it may be a sign that your inner child is carrying unresolved emotional pain—and is longing for your attention and care.



## You Deserve to Feel Whole

Remember: You are not broken. You are not too sensitive. If you feel pain, it's because your younger self was never taught how to process it—and is still holding it in.

Choosing to reconnect with your inner child is one of the most compassionate and empowering things you can do. It's not about blaming the past—it's about giving yourself the love, safety, and validation you always deserved.

You don't have to heal everything all at once. Just start with one small step—and take your inner child's hand as you go.



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