



Two Churches, One Marriage

Problem-solving Skills: Creating New Possibilities



Discovery

Step One:

Each partner should take a few minutes to answer the questions below. These questions will help you and your partner explore how well you are able to problem-solve together. Each of you should answer the questions by yourself, without consulting your partner.

Please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements:

1. My partner and I have very similar views on the problems in our relationship.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2. I have a good understanding of what is important to my partner.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
3. My partner has a good understanding of what is important to me.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
4. My partner and I are good at coming up with creative solutions to our problems.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5. Both my partner and I are willing to compromise to find an acceptable solution.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
6. I am good about following through on decisions we make as a couple.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
7. My partner is good about following through on decisions we make as a couple.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
8. My partner and I usually discuss how effective our solution was in addressing a problem.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree



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Step Two:

After both of you have answered the questions, compare your answers to those of your partner. Are there any items where you and your partner answered much differently? Share with one another why you answered the way that you did, particularly on items where you and your partner answered differently.

Step Three:

Agreement with a statement reflects good problem-solving skills, while disagreement with a statement reflects a possible area in which to develop better problem-solving skills. Identify what areas are your strengths and what areas need improvement in terms of problem-solving skills.