



You Were Made to Solve Problems

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Definition of Problem

- A situation that presents difficulty, uncertainty, or perplexity; bad situation
- **Synonyms:**
 - botheration, box*, can of worms*, complication, count*, crunch*, dilemma, disagreement, dispute, disputed point, doubt, headache*, hitch*, hot water, issue, mess*, obstacle, pickle*, point at issue, predicament, quandary, question, scrape*, squeeze*, trouble, worriment
- **Antonyms:**
 - good situation, solution

How did our problems start?

- Adam & Eve

Why Was I Made to Solve Problems?

James 1:2-8 (The Message)

2-4 Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. 5-8 If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get his help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it. Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought. People who "worry their prayers" are like wind-whipped waves. Don't think you're going to get anything from the Master that way, adrift at sea, keeping all your options open.

You will only be remembered for two things in life: the problems you create or the problems you solve.

- If you are not solving a problem then you are most likely a part of the problem.
- People pay you according to the problems you solve.
- How you act in a problem determines how long you stay in that problem.

Definition of Solve

- To explain; to resolve; to unfold; to clear up (what is obscure or difficult to be understood); to work out to a result or conclusion; as, to solve a doubt; to solve difficulties; to solve a problem.
- Find the solution to (a problem or question) or understand the meaning of.



- **Synonyms:**

- break*, clarify, clear up, construe, crack*, deal with, decide, decipher, decode, determine, disentangle, divine, do, elucidate, enlighten, explain, expound, fathom, figure out, find out, fix, get, get right, get to the bottom, have, hit, hit upon, illuminate, interpret, iron out*, lick*, make a dent, make out*, pan out*, put two and two together, puzzle, reason, settle, think out, unfold, unlock, unravel, unriddle, untangle, work, work out

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Daniel 4:9 (The Message)

9 "'Beltshazzar,' I said, 'chief of the magicians, I know that you are a man **full of the divine Holy Spirit** and that **there is no mystery that you can't solve**. Listen to this dream that I had and interpret it for me.

Daniel 5:12-16 (New International Version)

12 This man Daniel, whom the king called Beltshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and **solve difficult problems**. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means."

13 So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, "Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah? 14 I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you and that you have insight, intelligence and outstanding wisdom. 15 The wise men and enchanters were brought before me to read this writing and tell me what it means, but they could not explain it. **16 Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems**. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom."

You have been given: Dominion, Power, and Ability!

Genesis 1:26-28 (New King James Version)

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Deuteronomy 8:18 (New Living Translation)

18 Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.

Acts 11:29 (New International Version)

29 The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea.



Matthew 25:15 (New International Version)

15 To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

Winners are ex-losers who got mad enough to change and not give up!

- **Don't Give Up! You were made to solve problems.**

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (The Message)

16-18 So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (New Living Translation)

16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

Galatians 6:9 (The Message)

9-10 So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.

Christ Solved Our Biggest Problem

1 John 2:1 (The Message)

1-2 I write this, dear children, to guide you out of sin. But if anyone does sin, we have a Priest-Friend in the presence of the Father: Jesus Christ, righteous Jesus. When he served as a sacrifice for our sins, he solved the sin problem for good—not only ours, but the whole world's.

John 14:12-14 (New International Version)

12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.