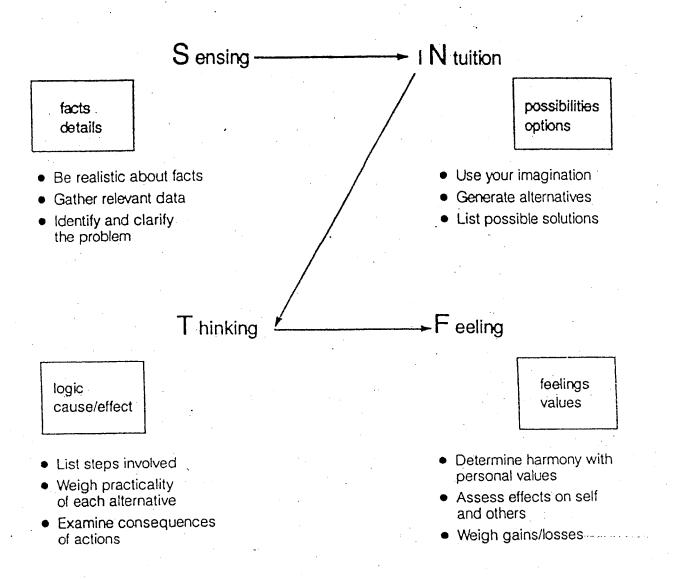
Problem Solving Model



Decide on course of action.

Act on it!

Evaluate the process.

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The clearest vision of the future comes only from an intuitive, the most practical realism only from a sensing type, the most incisive analysis only from a thinker, and the most skillful handling of people only from a feeling type. Success for any enterprise demands a variety of types, each in the right place.

Opposite types can supplement each other in any joint undertaking. When two people approach a problem from opposite sides, each sees things not visible to the other. Unfortunately, they seldom see each other's point of view. Too much oppositeness makes it hard for people to work well together. The best teamwork is usually done by people who differ on one or two preferences only. This much difference is useful, and the two or three preferences they have in common help them to understand each other and communicate.

When extreme opposites must work or live together, an understanding of type does much to lessen the friction. Disagreement is less irritating when Smith recognizes that it would hardly be normal for Jones to agree. Jones is not being willfully contrary. He is simply being an opposite type, and opposite types can be tremendously useful to each other when given the chance. The lists below show some of the specific ways.

INTUITIVES NEED SENSING TYPES:

To bring up pertinent facts

To apply experience to problems

To read the fine print in a contract To notice what needs attention now

To have patience

To keep track of essential details

To face difficulties with realism

To remind that the joys of the present are important

SENSING TYPES NEED INTUITIVES:

To bring up new possibilities

To supply ingenuity on problems

To read the signs of coming change

To see how to prepare for the future

To have enthusiasm

To watch for new essentials

To tackle difficulties with zest

To show that the joys of the future are worth looking for

FEELING TYPES NEED THINKERS:

To analyze

To organize

To find the flaws in advance

To reform what needs reforming

To hold consistently to a policy

To weigh "the law and the evidence"

To fire people when necessary

To stand firm against opposition

THINKERS NEED FEELING TYPES:

To persuade

To conciliate

To forecast how others will feel

To arouse enthusiasm

To teach

To sell

To advertise

To appreciate the thinker