

## Partnership Principles

1. I seek what's best for each of us – win-win.
2. I strive for open dialogue wherein each of us can share our innermost thoughts and feelings without fear of hurting the other. In particular, when disturbed or distressed to the point of distraction, I will initiate open, exploratory conversation with you.
3. I will work towards taking full responsibility for my own thoughts, feelings, wants, needs, decisions, viewpoints and reactions, without blaming you. I will look for my part in any problems or challenges in our relationship.
4. I will speak directly with you about any perceived “disturbances” in our relationship, and minimize relationship triangles.
5. Whenever you initiate dialogue, I will stay approachable and engaged.
6. I want my views, wants and needs to be respected, even when you disagree., and I will grant that same respect to you.
7. I will strive to speak from my most genuine self.
8. I accept that compromise is required for relationship growth and progress.
9. If a situation becomes too highly charged for us to handle on our own, I agree to seek a neutral third party to help us reach an agreeable outcome.