

“THE SECRETS OF LASTING LOVE”



God: “I will **show you my love forever.**
So says the Lord who saves you.”
Isaiah 54:8 (TEV)



“I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you.”

John 15:12 (NLT)



*“Love never stops being patient,
never stops believing, never stops
hoping, never gives up.”*

1 Cor. 13:7 (GW)



Four Habits of a Lifetime of Loving.



Habit

An acquired behavior pattern regularly followed until it has become almost involuntary.



The 3 R's of Habit Change

Reminder (the trigger that initiates the behavior)

Routine (the behavior itself; the action you take)

Reward (the benefit you gain from doing the behavior)



**1. Lasting love extends
grace.**



“Love never stops being patient”

1 Cor. 13:7a (GW)

“...puts up with anything” (MSG)

“... patiently accepts all things” (NCV)

*“...is always ready
to make allowances”* (NJB)



*“Be humble and gentle.
Be patient with each other,
making allowance for each
other's faults because of your
love.”*



Eph. 4:2 (NLT)

2. Lasting love expresses faith.



“Love never stops believing”

1 Cor. 13:7b (GW)

“...always trusts” (NIV)

“... never loses faith” (NLT)



*“The only thing that counts is
faith expressing itself through
love.”*

Gal. 5:6 (NIV)



3. Lasting love expects the best.



“Love never stops hoping”

1 Cor. 13:7c (GW)

“...always expects the best” (LB)

“...always looks for the best” (MSG)



**4. Lasting Love endures
the worst.**



“Love never gives up”

1 Cor. 13:7d (GW)

***“...endures through every circumstance”
(NLT)***

“...always perseveres” (NIV)

***“...never looks back, but keeps going to the
end” (MSG)***



**For God so loved the world that
He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him
should not perish but have
everlasting life.**



John 3:16 (NKJV)