

# “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)

