

THE SECRETS OF LASTING LOVE
All About Love – Part 6
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Isaiah 54:8 (TEV) *“I will show you My love forever.’ So says the Lord who saves you.”*

John 15:12 (NLT) *“I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you.”*

Love at first sight is no big deal.
Love that lasts a lifetime... that’s a big deal!

1 Corinthians 13:7 (GW) *“Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up.”*

THE HABITS OF LASTING LOVE

1. LASTING LOVE _____ GRACE.

1 Corinthians 13:7a (GW) *“Love never stops being patient...”*
(MSG) *“Love puts up with anything...”*
(NCV) *“Love patiently accepts all things.”*
(NJB) *“Love is always ready to make allowances...”*

Romans 3:10 (NCV) *“There is no one who always does what is right, not even one.”*

Romans 3:23-24 (NIV) *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”*

Romans 15:7 (NLT) *“So accept each other just as Christ has accepted you.”*

Ephesians 4:2 (NLT) *“Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.”*

2. LASTING LOVE _____ FAITH.

1 John 4:18a (NIV) *“There is no fear in love.”*

1 Corinthians 13:7b (GW) *“Love never stops... believing.”*
(NIV) *“Love always trusts.”*
(NLT) *“Love never loses faith.”*

Isaiah 55:8-9 (MSG) God says, *“I don’t think the way you think. The way you work isn’t the way I work. ⁹ For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, and the way I think is beyond the way you think.”*

1 Timothy 1:14 (NIV) *“The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.”*

Galatians 5:6 (NIV) *“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”*

3. LASTING LOVE _____ THE BEST.

1 Corinthians 13:7c (GW) *“Love never stops hoping.”*
(TLB) *“Love always expects the best.”*
(MSG) *“Love always looks for the best.”*

Don’t tell it like it _____. Tell it like it
_____ be! That’s love!

Romans 5:5-8 (NIV) *“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

4. LASTING LOVE _____ THE WORST.

1 Corinthians 13:7d (GW) *“Love never gives up.”*
(NLT) *“Love endures through every circumstance.”*
(NIV) *“Love always perseveres.”*
(MSG) *“Love never looks back but keeps going to the end.”*

Galatians 6:9 (NIV) *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”*

The greatest _____ in life is learning to love!

Philippians 2:5 (NIV) *“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”*