

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, NKJV. "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

1. Patient: "I will take, take, take - determined to be lonnnng-tempered with my mate"
2. Kind: "I will give, give, give - always looking for ways to put my mate at ease"
3. No Envy: "He / She must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn. 3:30)
4. No Parading Self: "I will never think (or say) of myself more highly than I ought" (Rom 12:3). "I will never play one-up-manship on my mate."
5. No Puffing Up: "I will kill Pride in my heart, it is the arch-enemy of my marriage"
6. No Rudeness: "I will truly care what my mate thinks of me and my behavior"
7. No Self-Seeking: "I will pursue vigorously what is best for her / him, not myself"
8. No Provoked Anger: "I will not be irritated or live in self-defense, but will let my soft answer turn away wrath"
9. No Evil Thinking: "I will be a bad accountant, losing the ledger book of my mate's faults and unkind deeds"
- 10.No Rejoicing In Sin: "I will weep, never taking satisfaction from my mate's sin"
- 11.Rejoice In Truth: "I will be happiest when my mate is abiding in God's truth"
- 12.Bear All Things: "I will do everything humanly possible to protect my mate from hurt, hoping to save his / her soul"
- 13.Believe All Things: "I will put the best possible motive on my mate's actions"
- 14.Hope All Things: "I will never accept failure as final from my mate. I will always believe that God will use him / her for good.
- 15.Endure All Things: "Even against all odds, no matter how dark the cloud, I will never stop loving him / her."