



1st Corinthians 13 for Marriages

Love is **patient**.

Am I patient with my spouse who is so different than I am?

Love is **kind**.

Am I kind when it takes my spouse twice the amount of time to find something I could find in 5 minutes?

Love **does not envy**.

Do I wish my spouse were more like someone else's spouse?

Love **does not boast**.

Am I quick to share what my spouse does well or to hide where they don't seem to measure up?

Love is **not proud**.

Am I hesitant to share how I'm really doing out of a fear of what people will think?

Love **does not dishonor others**.

Do I ever dishonor my spouse, demanding him/her be someone other than the unique person God has made him/her to be?

Love is **not self-seeking**.

Am I ever selfish in my interactions with my spouse?

Love is **not easily angered**.

How much energy do I waste being angry at my spouse?

Love **keeps no record of wrongs**.

Do I have an ongoing list in my head about everything my spouse has done wrong?

Love **does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth**.

Do I keep my mind focused on God's truth about my spouse?

Love **protects**.

Do I protect this unique human being God entrusted to me even when he/she frustrates me?

Love **trusts**.

Do I trust that God has a bigger picture in mind for my spouse's life?

Love **hopes**.

Do I hope and believe the best for my spouse, or do I dread what tomorrow might bring?

Love **perseveres**.

Do I keep my mind on the future possibilities rather than focusing on the difficulties and challenges I'm dealing with today?