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THE FOUR HABITS TO MAKE LOVE LAST

November 23 & 24, 2024

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1 Corinthians 13:7 (GW)

Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up.

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Habit #1

To make love last, I must extend _____.

1 Corinthians 13:7a

love ... never stops being patient ... (GW)
... puts up with anything ... (MSG)
... patiently accepts all things ... (NCV)
... is always ready to make allowances ... (NJB)

Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)

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

Colossians 4:6 (TPT)

Let every word you speak be drenched with grace and tempered with truth and clarity. For then you will be prepared to give a respectful answer to anyone who asks about your faith.

Grace defeats the deadly Ds:

Difficulties, Disagreements, Differences, _____,
Disappointment, _____, _____, Dead ends,
Delay, _____, Distance, _____, Demands,
Divorce

Habit #2

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love ... never stops believing ... (GW)
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- Love is built on _____.
- Faith is not _____.
- Trusting people live _____.

Three Kinds of Responses to Trust

- Being _____
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- Being _____

Galatians 5:6b (TPT)

All that matters now is living in the faith that works and expresses itself through love.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD, “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.”

Habit #3

To make love last, I must expect the _____.

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... always looks for the best ... (MSG)

Philippians 4:8 (MSG)

Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.

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Five Ways to Think the Best of Those I Love

- _____ more than I talk.
- Be _____ for them.
- Address my _____, not theirs.
- Never _____ about them.
- Be humble, honest, and _____.

Habit #4

To make love last, I must be willing to _____ the worst.

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love ... never gives up. (GW)

... endures through every circumstance. (NLT)

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