

## HABITS OF A LOVING HEART

1 Corinthians 13:7

Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

(NIV)

Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope, it can outlast anything.

(Phillips)

Today, we complete our series on the great love chapter of the Bible. We have looks closely at the ingredients of love as they are spelled out in verses 4-7. Many of you had those verses read at your wedding ceremony. My earnest prayer is that each of us will seek to build all our relationships with the goal of building them on the aim of love as we have seen it fleshed out in this Scripture.

### The Secrets of Lasting Love

#### 1. Develop habits that r\_\_\_\_\_ me p\_\_\_\_\_

**Warning signs:** \*always feeling fatigued

\*too tired to care

\*depending on stimulants

**Suggestions:** 1. r\_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 127:2 (LB)

2. b\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 119:73 (LB)

3. r\_\_\_\_\_ e\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Corinthians 6:19,20

#### 2. Develop habits that r\_\_\_\_\_ me e\_\_\_\_\_

**Warning signs:** \*sense of being overwhelmed

\*outbursts of impatience

\*desire to avoid people

\*dreaming of "getting away"

**Suggestions:** 1. s\_\_\_\_\_ Mark 6:31

2. r\_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 11:19 (Ph)

3. l\_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 17:22 (GN)

#### 3. Develop habits that r\_\_\_\_\_ me s\_\_\_\_\_

**Warning signs:** \*nothing seems worth the effort

\*life seems futile/purposeless

\*blaming God for your problems

\*increased worry

**Suggestions:** 1. d\_\_\_\_\_ q\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Cor. 4:16; 1 Peter 5:7

2. s\_\_\_\_\_ g\_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews 10:25

3. w\_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 59:16; Ephesians 3:18 (LB)