

**“AGAPE” LOVE – from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8**  
**16 SPECIFIC WAYS TO LOVE YOUR SPOUSE**

1. Since love is PATIENT, I am willing to wait for my loved one and grant some “space”
2. Since love is KIND, I will go out of my way to make my loved one’s load a little lighter and day a little brighter
3. Since love is NOT JEALOUS, I will always be glad for the successes and victories of my loved one and be quick to congratulate
4. Since love DOES NOT BRAG, I will never seek to emphasize my accomplishments or try to draw attention to myself over my loved one
5. Since love is NOT ARROGANT, I will never think of myself as more important than my loved one in our relationship
6. Since love DOES NOT ACT UNBECOMINGLY, I will be respectful and polite around my loved one and chivalry will not be “dead” in our relationship
7. Since love does NOT SEEK ITS OWN, I will never see my family, my friends or my desires as more important than those of my loved one
8. Since love is NOT PROVOKED, I will not allow my loved one’s words or actions to “bug” me and cause me anger
9. Since love DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A WRONG SUFFERED, I will not hold grudges or keep a record of wrongs
10. Since love DOES NOT REJOICE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, I will gently keep my loved one accountable for ungodly attitudes and actions
11. Since love REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH, I will be quick to praise and encourage Godly fruit demonstrated in my loved one
12. Since love BEARS ALL THINGS, I will always believe the best of my loved one and give the benefit of any doubt I might have
13. Since love BELIEVES ALL THINGS, I will always believe that our relationship can grow stronger each day and I will not let my dreams of a bright tomorrow fade
14. Since love HOPES ALL THINGS, I will always believe that our relationship can grow stronger each day and I will never let my dreams of a bright tomorrow fade
15. Since love ENDURES ALL THINGS, I will be there for my loved one through “thick or thin” and will overcome with renewed love
16. Since love NEVER FAILS, I will be diligently working on this list as long as we both shall live

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