

Lasting Love

The Power of Commitment

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Commitment is a dedication that restricts use of _____ of action for the sake of something of _____.

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.** Romans 5:8, NIV

God's clear commitment to us is seen in _____.

Now we celebrate His _____.

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—**how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?** Romans 8:31^b-32, NIV

⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ **Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:** ⁶ **He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.** Psalm 37:4-6, NIV

We respond to God's love with a _____ of our own.

The lasting result of our mutual commitment is _____.

³⁴ **Hope in the LORD and keep his way.** He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are destroyed, you will see it.

³⁵ **I have seen a wicked and ruthless man flourishing like a luxuriant native tree,** ³⁶ but he soon passed away and was no more; though I looked for him, he could not be found. Psalm 37:34-36, NIV

Commitment is most important at the times when you are _____ to uphold the commitment

³⁷ Consider the blameless, observe the upright; **a future awaits those who seek peace.** ³⁸ But all sinners will be destroyed; there will be no future for the wicked. Psalm 37:37-38, NIV

I have a lasting _____ in my commitment to God and his goodness.

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; **he is their stronghold in time of trouble.**

⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and **saves them, because they take refuge in him.** Psalm 37:39-40, NIV

A committed love is also a _____ love especially in _____ times when we need it the most.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: **Love one another.** As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35, NIV

In my life I make commitments:

- For a _____.
- For a _____.
- For a _____.
- For an _____.

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My next step: God continues to live out his commitment to me. I am loved and forgiven. He has given me a lasting love. I will respond with commitments to God and others showing my love for them.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.