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1. LOVE IS SLOW TO LOSE PATIENCE  
*I am content to wait without becoming angry when others fall below the expectations I have set for them.*
2. LOVE IS KIND AND CONSTRUCTIVE  
*I am cautious in my judgments toward others and honestly seek to be a healing rather than a hurting presence in my relationships.*
3. LOVE IS NOT POSSESSIVE  
*I don't have to be in control of conversations and other situations in my relationships.*
4. LOVE IS NOT ANXIOUS TO IMPRESS  
*I can relax with who I am and don't have to be the life of the party to feel secure.*
5. LOVE IS NOT ARROGANT AND EGOCENTRIC  
*I don't have an inflated view of my own importance and often find myself concerned about other people's well-being.*
6. LOVE HAS GOOD MANNERS  
*I respect the rights and dignity of others enough not to force thoughtless behavior on them.*
7. LOVE IS NOT SELFISH  
*I'm not always concerned about the rights of me, myself, and I, and I find pleasure in the happiness and success of others.*

8. LOVE IS NOT TOUCHY AND RESENTFUL  
*I try to understand others when they hurt me, and I refuse to let hostile feelings generate toward them.*
9. LOVE FINDS NO DELIGHT IN THE SIN AND SHORTCOMINGS OF OTHERS.  
*I don't have to reflect on the flaws in other people in order to rest easy with myself.*
10. LOVE REJOICES WHEN RIGHT REIGNS AND TRUTH PREVAILS  
*I get excited when injustices are corrected and am angry enough to pay the price of involvement when someone's rights are violated.*
11. LOVE HAS STAYING POWER UNDER PRESSURE  
*I persevere when the easier route is to run and abandon someone I was once committed to.*
12. LOVE EXTENDS THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT  
*I discount the validity of rumors and gossip and continue to believe the best about people until facts prove otherwise.*
13. LOVE SEES WITH EYES OF HOPE  
*I'm captivated by the potential in people and am very much aware that what they are is not what they can be.*
14. LOVE REFUSES TO QUIT  
*When I'm tempted to throw in the towel on a person or cause, I pray for a second wind and hang tough to the end.*

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