

**Love is patient.**

*Am I patient with my child who is so different than I am?*

**Love is kind.**

*Am I kind when it takes my child twice the amount of time to do something than I think it should?*

**Love does not envy.**

*Do I wish my child was more like this mom's son or that mom's daughter?*

**Love does not boast.**

*Am I quick to share what my child does well or to hide where they don't seem to measure up?*

**Love is not proud.**

*Am I hesitant to share how I'm really doing or how my child is really doing out of a fear of what people will think?*

**Love does not dishonor others.**

*Do I ever dishonor my child, demanding they be someone other than the unique person God has made them to be?*

**Love is not self-seeking.**

*Am I ever selfish in my interactions with my child?*

**Love is not easily angered.**

*How much energy do I waste being angry at my child?*

**Love keeps no record of wrongs.**

*Do I have an on-going list in my head about everything my child has done wrong?*

**Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth.**

*Do I keep my mind focused on God's truth about my child?*

**Love protects.**

*Do I protect this unique human being God entrusted to me even when he challenges my authority?*

**Love trusts.**

*Do I trust that God has a bigger picture in mind for this child's life?  
Do I believe that God knows what his or her future holds and I don't?*

**Love hopes.**

*Do I hope and believe the best in this child or do I dread what tomorrow will bring?*

**Love perseveres.**

*Do I keep my mind on the future possibilities rather than focusing on the difficulties and challenges I'm dealing with today?*