

Reasons I Love You

(Encourage the best in others)

Serial encouragers embolden you with overt, intentional encouragement. It's their gift, not an exchange. They bless you by loving you. No string attached. We all can be a serial encourager who routinely shares the reasons we love others. And the ways to express our love are as endless as our imagination. Here's a personal example – a "Reasons I Love You" list that I gave Anna on our 60th birthday.

Sixty Reasons It's a Privilege to be Your Husband

1. Leslie, Joshua & Caleb
2. Your heart still skips a beat
3. My best friend
4. Salado
5. Always believing in me
6. Sweet, kind spirit
7. Unquestioned loyalty
8. Encouragement
9. Fun
10. Hugs
11. Patience
12. Choosing the library
13. Back scratches
14. "Is this the Trevi Fountain?"
15. Molokai mule rides
16. Caring for our parents
17. Master of simple recipes
18. Skiing slow
19. A true servant-leader
20. Being grateful
21. Praising & obeying God
22. Choosing to choose
23. Laughing at my jokes
24. Being a China doll
25. Completing me
26. Loving me more than chocolate
27. Modeling true generosity
28. Oozing true humility
29. Integrity above reproach
30. Saying, "Enough" when needed
31. Living a godly legacy
32. Respecting me no matter what
33. Refusing to fight
34. Getting angry only 2 ½ times
35. Being our family's glue
36. Making bonding memories
37. Humoring Vacation Tim
38. Loving other people's children
39. Watching guy movies
40. Pursuing real life in Christ
41. Praying for our family
42. Trusting my judgment
43. "Good thing I'm cute"
44. "Gotta love me"
45. Making me smell the roses
46. Helping me pursue my dreams
47. Being authentic
48. Hurting with people who hurt
49. Aging gracefully
50. Being GrAnna
51. Endless banners
52. Surviving the Drake Passage
53. Forgiving quickly
54. Letting me kill your spiders
55. 9 Christmas stockings
56. Hosing off Josh's little hiney
57. In 'n Out & Andy's
58. 38 great years + 3 bonus years
59. Living "Well done!"
60. Our kids are your vow (Prov. 3:2)

Who could you encourage by sharing why you love them?

How could you creatively share your love in ways they'll never forget?