My Thoughts on a Lifelong Commitment



"I can breathe without you. I can stand on my own two feet. I don't need you; I want you. To love you is a beautiful choice; not a desperate necessity."

Communication & Transparency

- 1. Communicate openly and honestly at all times.
- 2. Express your thoughts and feelings without hesitation.
- 3. Be 100% honest.
- 4. Be transparent about your emotions, fears, and doubts.
- 5. Clarify misunderstandings immediately instead of assuming. In case of doubts, seek evidence.
- 6. Never play mind games or manipulate emotions.

- 7. Ask questions rather than overthink situations.
- 8. Reassure each other when needed without hesitation.
- 9. Avoid passive-aggressive behavior—say what you mean.
- 10. Do not keep secrets.
- 11. Always make your partner feel heard and understood.
- 12. Address doubts immediately and seek clarity.

Seeking permanent solutions to temporary problems

Trust & Security

- 13. Trust your partner unless they give you a reason not to. In that case ask and seek evidence.
- 14. Avoid jealousy by building confidence in the relationship.
- 15. Never lie, even about small things.
- 16. Be predictable in the sense of emotional availability.
- 17. Do not test your partner's love with unnecessary drama.
- 18. Share your whereabouts out of care, not control.
- 19. Encourage openness instead of forcing it.Be non-judgemental.
- 20. Have faith in each other's loyalty.
- 21. Handle insecurities through discussions, not accusations.
- 22. No blame game if things don't go as planned. Your partner should never feel "I am not enough."

<u>Never above you, never below you, always beside you</u>

Respect & Power Balance

- 23. Keep third parties out of the relationship.
- 24. Do not assert superiority due to age, experience, or achievements.

- 25. Treat each other as equals in every decision.
- 26. Avoid dismissing your partner's views.
- 27. Never use past experiences as a way to control the present.
- 28. Do not make decisions that affect both without discussion.
- 29. Allow both partners to have a say in all important matters.
- 30. Respect each other's individuality and independence.
- 31. Never belittle or talk down to your partner.
- 32. Encourage your partner's growth wholeheartedly.
- 33. Make sure decisions are mutual, not commanded.
- 34. Maintain balance, not power struggles.

Communication and Trust equals a relationship that will last a lifetime.

Emotional Support & Validation

- 35. Validate your partner's feelings without judgment.
- 36. Offer comfort and solutions when they are upset.
- 37. Provide reassurance in moments of doubt.
- 38. Be their safe space where they feel free to be themselves.
- 39. Support your partner, especially in tough times.
- 40. Support their ambitions and goals wholeheartedly especially professional endeavours. It should not be biased or come from emotional baggage.
- 41. Cheer for their successes without feeling competitive.
- 42. Be patient when they are feeling anxious or insecure.
- 43. Never make fun of their fears or vulnerabilities.
- 44. Always be emotionally available, even in busy times.
- 45. Encourage emotional independence while still being supportive.

<u>Love is an important ingredient of life. Without it life echoes emptiness and</u> with it life vibrates warth and meaning.

Affection & Reassurance

- 46. Give warm love, and affectionate gestures often.
- 47. Express love through both words and actions aligned together.
- 48. Good morning/good night/thank you / sorry words are important and should be heartfelt.
- 49. Compliment your partner genuinely.
- 50. Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, small wins, and achievements.
- 51. Make them feel wanted, not just needed.
- 52. Physical intimacy should be about emotional connection, not control.
- 53. Never withhold affection to prove a point.
- 54. Surprise them with thoughtful gestures occasionally.
- 55. Express gratitude for their presence in your life.

You must become the change you want to see

Independence

- 56. Respect each other's personal space and alone time. Your partner should be aware of what's happening overall.
- 57. Have friendships and hobbies outside the relationship too.
- 58. Don't demand constant attention—balance is key.
- 59. Trust them to handle their own problems if they want to. Offer recommendations, and if they involve you, be there completely.
- 60. Allow them to maintain their own identity.
- 61. Never isolate them from their family and friends.
- 62. Support their individual self-growth.
- 63. Avoid becoming overly dependent on each other.

Do you want to win arguments or solve problems?

Conflict Resolution & Understanding

- 64. Never go to bed angry—resolve issues before sleeping.
- 65. Listen first, respond later—avoid knee-jerk reactions.
- 66. Do not fight to win/be right, fight to understand.
- 67. Apologize when you're wrong, and mean it.
- 68. Forgive past mistakes and don't use them as weapons.
- 69. Disagreements should be discussions, not battles, and should lead to problem-solving.
- 70. Take breaks during intense arguments to cool down.
- 71. Focus on solutions instead of dwelling on problems.
- 72. Never yell or insult in anger—stay respectful.
- 73. Always make up properly after a fight.
- 74. Address conflicts directly without deflecting.
- 75. Avoid short, dismissive responses.

In the arithmetic of love, one plus one equals everything, and two minus one equals nothing.

Equality & Partnership

- 76. Share responsibilities fairly in the relationship.
- 77. Financial independence should be respected for both partners.
- 78. No one should feel more entitled or superior.
- 79. Appreciate each other's contributions, big or small.
- 80. Decisions about money, travel, and life changes should be mutual.
- 81. Avoid using age or experience to dominate decision-making.
- 82. Do not control or dictate career choices.

- 83. Be mindful of each other's professional aspirations. Prioritize your partner's best interests always.
- 84. Keep work and personal dynamics separate.
- 85. Respect work-life balance.
- 86. Always consult each other before making big commitments.

In the garden of love, consistency is the water that nurtures growth.

Consistency & Stability

- 87. Be reliable and consistent in your actions.
- 88. Avoid sudden emotional withdrawals.
- 89. Keep your promises and follow through.
- 90. Be available in times of distress.
- 91. Do not create instability by being unpredictable.
- 92. Maintain a steady foundation of love and support.
- 93. Build long-term trust through everyday actions.
- 94. Show love on bad days, not just good ones.
- 95. Keep routines that make your partner feel secure. Spend quality time and communicate schedule changes.
- 96. Avoid extremes—stay balanced in emotions and actions.

Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment

Mutual Growth & Long-Term Life Long Vision

- 97. Set relationship goals and work towards them together.
- 98. Learn and grow from each other's strengths.
- 99. Encourage new experiences and learning together. Be curious.
- 100. Make future plans together, discussing expectations openly.

- 101. Adjust to changes in life as a team.
- 102. Keep evolving as a couple rather than getting stuck in patterns.
- 103. Respect and accept differences instead of trying to change each other every time.
- 104. Stay committed through ups and downs without doubts.
- 105. Build a relationship based on love, trust, and mutual support.
- 106. Always make your partner feel valued, cherished, and deeply loved.

We go together like Maggie and Schezwan Sauce!

Social Media Presence

- 107. Maintain a healthy social media presence. Cleansing yes.
- 108. Share photos with important people in your life (partner > parents > friends).
- 109. Ensure captions are clear and not misleading.
- 110. Express love on social media too, in a way that aligns with both partners' comfort.
- 111. Never intentionally or unintentionally make your partner feel jealous online.
- 112. Avoid unnecessary online interactions that could cause misunderstandings.
- 113. Introduce your partner to friends and family both offline and online.

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