Husbands Love Your Wives and Quiet Time Jack and Carole Mayhall

I. Introduction.

- A. A husband and wife should learn to enjoy each other in a recreational way.
- B. Most Christians do not read their Bibles themselves—most of what they get is second hand.
- C. There is life and joy in spending a little time in God's Word each day.
- II. If Jesus needed to spend time in prayer, we do too. (John 4, Mark 1)
 - A. You have to be motivated.
 - B. You have to make a decision.
 - C. Suggestion: spend seven minutes a day in a solitude place.
 - 1. Take the first thirty seconds and ask God to open your heart. (Psalm 119)
 - 2. Spend four minutes in the Bible. Pick a simple book like Philippians. Meditate on it.
 - 3. Spend the rest of the time praying for concerns, missionaries, personal needs, etc.
 - a. Adoration.
 - b. Confession.
 - c. Thanksgiving.
 - d. Supplication.
- III. Husbands love your wives.
 - A. Communication is a frequent problem in marriage.
 - a. Spouses need to be included in communication.
 - b. Spouses need to be listened to. (Proverbs 18:13)
 - c. Spouses need to be understood. (Proverbs 18:2)
 - B. Good communication is only possible by God's power.

Application questions:

1. How would you help a new believer establish their personal quiet time?
2. What advice would you give a couple about practical listening?
3. What is your plan for learning the Bible?