## How to Really Love your Spouse Jack and Carole Mayhall

I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 2 Corinthians 5:9.
- B. Our goal is to please Christ, which encompasses our marriage.

C. Text: Ephesians 5:25, 28, 32.

II. God commands husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the church.

III. Love always expresses itself in action. (John 3:16; Romans 5:8, 1 John 3:18)

A. Love is a decision.

B. We act our way into feeling.

C. In order to be loving, act loving.

IV. Three suggestions to become more loving toward your wife every day.

- A. Tell your wife you love her.
- B. Do something nice for her.
- C. Pay her a compliment.

V. A husband should develop the habit of happiness in his home. (Proverbs 17:22)

VI. Order of priorities: relationship to God, relationship to your wife, relationship to your children.

VII. A wife should know that next to God, she is number one on her husband's thoughts.

## **Application questions:**

1. How can you better show love to your wife?

2. How would your wife order your priorities based on what you do?

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3. Which tip for loving your wife did you find most helpful? Explain.