

questions, listening intently, then asking again. It's as simple and as difficult as that. No one, of course, can fully plumb the mystery of another person's heart, but we can learn something new every day. The wise man of Proverbs called understanding "a wellspring of life" (16:22), a deep source of wisdom to all who seek it.

Again, I say, understanding takes time—one of the most precious gifts we can give to others. How we choose to spend our time is the surest indicator of how much we care for those we love.

Ask the Lord today to give you the grace to take the time to understand the important people in your life.

To those whose lives we touch in life,
To whom our love we would impart,
The greatest gift that we can give
May be an understanding heart. —Branon

Listening is an open door to understanding-

Happy Mother's Day.



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Understand One Another

One of the best ways for a man to love his wife is to understand her. Peter explains that it is imperative for a husband to " *dwell with [his wife] with understanding*" (1 Peter 3:7).

This principle works both ways. Husbands want to be understood as well. Actually, we all do. Everyone, married or not, longs to be understood by others at the deepest possible level. We're born with that need, and we never seem to outgrow it.

It's feeble avoidance to say we can't understand one another. We can and we must. It takes time—time spent in one another's presence asking





Our Home

Intimacy with God Together

(2 Corinthians 6:14) "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. ..."

1 Peter 3:7 teaches that there are four wonderful ingredients that will help us enjoy intimacy with God, together:

1. Time to _____, 2:18, 25, 3:1-7

(James 1:19) "... let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;"

(Proverbs 20:5) "Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, But a man of understanding will draw it out."



(Proverbs 20:5) Someone's thoughts may be as deep as the ocean, but if you are smart, you will discover them. [paraphrase]

2. An attitude of _____, verse 7



3. Living in _____, verse 7

(Ephesians 2:8-9) "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, {9} not of works, lest anyone should boast."

(John 5:24) "'Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, ...'"

4. _____ together, verse 7

