

MY TOP TEN BOOKS

Dave Wilson

It was just a year ago that Dave & Ann Wilson joined Bob Lepine as co-hosts of **FamilyLife Today**—a big new assignment for the couple who have three grown sons (all married) and a growing number of grandchildren.

Then there's also the role of pastor at Kensington Church (Detroit), writing books (*Vertical Marriage*) and serving for three decades as chaplain for the Detroit Lions. We think Dave's recommended reading list reflects well how he can juggle these roles so effectively—and hope you'll be encouraged to know his heart more personally!

1. Get Your Life Back: Everyday Practices for a World Gone Mad (John Eldredge) This is a really good look at how crazy our lives have become in the digital age. It's a call to Sabbath rest and getting our sanity back.

2. The Grave Robber (Mark Batterson) A very inspiring read about believing God for the impossible in our lives.

3. Beatles Gear: All the Fab Four's Instruments from Stage to Studio (Andy Babiuk) I am a Beatles nut. Started playing guitar in 1965 after seeing the *Hard Day's Night* movie. I've been playing ever since and own a few guitars that copy what the Beatles played.

4. Love Like You Mean It: The Heart of a Marriage that Honors God (Bob Lepine) I love me some Lepine and his latest book is an excellent study of God's design for real love from the famous love chapter (1 Corinthians 13). Everyone quotes this at their wedding, but few understand how profound it is and what it looks like in marriage.

5. Emotionally Healthy Spirituality: Unleash a Revolution in Your Life in Christ (Peter Scazzero) Pete digs into how a person can find emotional and spiritual health. Very important read.

6. Why Should The Devil Have All The Good Music: Larry Norman and the Perils of Christian Rock (Gregory Thornbury) This is Larry Norman's story. His music was a catalyst for me getting exposed to contemporary Christian music in the 70's. Being in a rock band, I believed that Christian music couldn't compete. Larry taught me differently and transformed my future in music.

7. Lead Me: Finding Courage to Fight for Your Marriage, Children and Faith (Matt Hammitt) An excellent read on how to balance professional life with leading a family—especially a family with difficult needs.

8. If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat (John Ortberg) I read this every year to challenge myself to trust God for things I am afraid to try. Motivates me to step out in faith. It is one of the reasons I am hosting *FamilyLife Today!*

9. Creativity, Inc.: Overcoming the Unseen Forces (Ed Catmull) Here's a study of the creative process of Pixar. There is a reason for those dozens of blockbuster movies. Much of it has to do with "speaking and hearing the truth in love." Great learnings about how to create beauty for God.

10. Hero Maker: Five Essential Practices for Leaders to Multiply (Dave Ferguson) This is a great book on how to make disciples. I want to be known as a Hero Maker.

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