

# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS BY CATEGORY

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*Note: Further titles are added to this document on a regular basis.*

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<b>Debate Series</b>	
<b>Helpful Websites for Christian Evidences</b>	
<b>Leadership / Church Building</b>	

My personal “must-read” and excellent items are colored [blue](#).

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*The Lion Never Sleeps: Preparing Those You Love for Satan's Attacks*, by Mike Taliaferro

*A Quick Overview of the Bible: How All the Pieces Fit Together*, by Douglas Jacoby

### ***For all disciples***

*Caring Beyond the Margins: What Every Christian Needs to Know About Homosexuality*, by Guy Hammond

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Is Faith Rational? – debate with Michael Shermer at UCLA (2012)

Violence, the Bible & the Qur'an - debate with Sheikh Shabir Ally in Toronto (2017)

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Born again in Baptism? – debate with Thomas Ross in Milwaukee (2020)

Once Saved, Always Saved? – debate with Thomas Ross in Milwaukee (2020)

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N.T. Wright—[www.ntwrightpage.com](http://www.ntwrightpage.com)

J. Warner Wallace — ColdCaseChristianity.com <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

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Website of the American Association of Christian Counselors. Applications of biblical counseling principles to family relationships.

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Homepage for The Barna Group. Well thought through and factually substantiated resources relating to families and much more.

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While you and I may not agree with everything James Dobson teaches, most of our readers will agree with most of it. His website is the official site of Focus on the Family.

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From the American Academy of Family Physicians, this site offers health information for the whole family.

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The website of the Family Dynamics Institute. Changes in the marriage inevitably lead to changes in family dynamics; everyone wins.

<http://www.familylife.com>

Family Life contains a wide array of material on marriage, parenting, singles, and life issues.

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This is the site of Family Village, which provides information for those parenting children with special needs.

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Morality in Media, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that works through constitutional means to curb illegal traffic in obscenity and uphold standards of decency in media.

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This is the Ohio State University Extension Fact Sheet (Family and Consumer Sciences) on Quality Family Time, HYG-5285-95, by Treva Williams.

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A helpful website for reviewing movies and music, new or old. Categories rated include alcohol/drugs, blood/gore, disrespect/bad attitude, frightening/tense scenes, guns/weapons, music, profanity, sex/nudity, smoking, and violence.

<http://www.svparent.com/index.htm>

Susquehanna Valley Parent Magazine. Excellent site, covering every aspect of childhood and parenting.

<http://www.teachingvalues.com>

One of the most extensive sources on the web for parents, teachers, and anyone involved with character education for children.

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