

2021 Rob's Book Reading List

1. *Essentialism—The Disciplined Pursuit of Less.* By Greg McKeown.
Doing less, and doing more of what really matters, makes a difference and pays dividends.
2. *Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets—5 Questions to Help You Determine Your Next Move.* By Andy Stanley.
Wise decision making is crucial. You are a product of your choices. Learn to choose wisely.
3. *The Motive—Why So Many Leaders Abdicate Their Most Important Responsibilities.* By Patrick Lencioni.
Fable on what makes a great leader. Motivation, manipulation, and responsibility.
4. *The Ideal Team Player—How to Recognize and Cultivate the Three Essential Virtues.* By Patrick Lencioni.
Good book on what being an ideal team player looks like in any organization.
5. *American Dirt.* By Jeanine Cummins.
Novel about woman and son barely escaping Mexico as undocumented immigrants to US.
6. *Sapiens—A Brief History of Humankind.* By Yuval Noah Harari.
Popular book on human history.
7. *The Celtic Way of Evangelism—How Christianity Can Reach the West...Again.* By George G. Hunter, III.
Supreme and helpful history with excellent insights on missions and the Great Commission.
8. *Destroyer of the gods—Early Christian Distinctiveness in the Roman World.* By Larry W. Hurtado.
Spectacular and supremely impactful book on Roman History and the Early Church. Profound.
9. *How to Make Your Money Last.* By Jane Bryant Quinn.
Personal finances.
10. *It Takes What It Takes—How to Think Neutrally and Gain Control of Your Life.* By Trevor Moawad.
Russell Wilson's mental coach. Died Sept, 2021. Good principles on neutral thinking.
11. *Ancient Rome—The Rise and Fall of an Empire.* By Simon Baker.
Detailed study of Roman History through the lives and experiences of its emperors.
12. *BE 2.0—Beyond Entrepreneurship—Turning Your Business into an Enduring Great Company.* By Jim Collins and Bill Lazier.
Rewrite and revision of BE offering many tremendous and proven principles on leadership.
13. *Think Again—The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know.* By Adam Grant.
Revolutionary book on how to think. Very impactful.
14. *Jesus and John Wayne—How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation.* By Kristin Kobes Du Mez.
History of politics, nationalism, personalities vs. the Kingdom of God.
15. *Winning the War in Your Mind.* By Craig Groeschel.
You become what and how you think so think better and think well.
16. *The Drama of Scripture—Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story.* By Craig G. Bartholomew and Michael W. Goheen.
Excellent survey of the entire Bible as a continuous drama. Many tremendous insights.
17. *The Good Life—What Jesus Teaches About Finding True Happiness.* By Derwin Gray.
Book on the Beatitudes of Jesus.
18. *The Happiness Advantage—The Seven Principles of Positive Psychology That Fuels Success and Performance at Work.* By Shawn Achor
Study on happiness and the benefits of positivity as taught in Harvard's Happiness Course.

19. *The Sabbath*. By Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Insights on Jewish thought and on the practice and importance of the Sabbath.

19 Books by Impact

Top 3—Destroyer of the gods, Think Again, Drama of Scripture

Top 5—Celtic, Dirt

Top 8—Motive, Ideal Team Player, Beyond Entrepreneurship

Top 10—Essentialism, Better Decisions

Top 12—Winning War of Mind, Happiness Advantage

Top 15—Sabbath, John Wayne, Rome

Top 19—Good Life, It Takes What It Takes, Sapiens, Money

Audible/Podcasts of Note

1. Greenlights. By Matthew McConaughey. Audible.

2. Grant. By Ron Chernow. Audible.

3. The Rise and Fall of Mars Hill. Christianity Today.

4. The Holy Post. Phil Vischer.

Interesting Documentaries

1. History Channel--Ottoman Empire, Roman Empire, Rise of Barbarians, Lincoln, Grant, Washington, Jerusalem.