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A Special Valentine's Gift *by Lee Webster*

"*Young and in Love*". How often have we heard that phrase—but how often do we hear the same said of people after 5 years of marriage? The common statement for the older married couples is "marriage is hard work". When the initial highs of relationships wear off and reality and responsibility step in, marriage isn't hard work; it simply needs more intentional commitment and planning.

My prescription for couples who come for counseling is to take time with one another.

- Daily time to touch base (including hugs and kisses), a few minutes to talk and pray together.
- A weekly date which the parties take alternate responsibility for planning.
- A regular get-away (preferably quarterly).

This latter recommendation can be either a day or weekend or maybe a week's vacation. As I remember my own dating experience, I always tried to do something that my partner would enjoy because if she was happy, it paid great dividends. We didn't have much money so those times focused on being together, not being extravagant.

One particular thing that couples can do is to attend one of numerous **marriage conferences**. These range from a few hours to a weeklong cruise. One such event will be held at Highland Community Church in Wausau on Saturday, February 25th. **Dave and Ann Wilson** are internationally known speakers who are known for their wisdom and humor. I know guys, it's usually the women who push for these, so surprise her. Make a date with your sweetheart to attend. It will be a great Valentine gift!

Incidentally, Dave is a former All American quarterback and is the Chaplain for the Detroit Lions (we Packer fans won't hold that against him).

Upcoming Events

Tickets to Center for Family Development's Annual Marriage Conference are still available.

Early Birds Ends Monday, Feb. 13th!

The conference will be on Saturday February 25, 2017 at Highland Community Church in Wausau, WI.

Featured presenters will be Dave and Ann Wilson.



Dave Wilson is the Chaplain for the Detroit Lions, Lead Pastor of Kensington Community Church, (a 6-campus church that welcomes more than 14,000 visitors every weekend) and Hall of Fame college quarterback.

Ann Wilson is a mother to three grown sons, a national speaker, and someone who knows how to balance home life and professional ministry. The Wilson's are known nationwide for their practical, humorous, and uplifting presentations; infusing relationships with the Word and wisdom of God for over 30 years. For more information and to register [CLICK HERE](#).

Watch this video to learn more about the conference:



Online Survey

Don't forget to complete our survey and be automatically registered in a **drawing** to win two tickets for free admission to our annual marriage conference. (Drawing on Feb. 13th, 2017)

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