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## What are the 5 purposes of the purpose driven life

The Purpose Driven Life CoverAuthorRick WarrenCountryUnited StatesLanguageEnglishSubjectBible studyPublisherZondervanPublication date2002Media typePrint The Purpose Driven Life is a Bible study book written by Christian pastor Rick Warren and published by Zondervan in 2002. The book offers readers a personal spiritual journey of 40 days and presents what Warren says are God's five purposes for human life on earth. Warren's background was encouraged by Billy Graham at age 20 after he wrote his first book: Rick Warren's Bible Study Methods. This inspired Warren a lot when he had little confidence in his writing ability: The Purpose Driven Life might never have been written if Billy Graham hadn't believed me. [2] The 2002 purpose driven life book is a sequel to his 1995 book The Purpose Driven Church. Overview The book aims to be read as daily inspiration, with each of the 40 short chapters read on consecutive days. [4] Each chapter contains a section of personal application at the end with a point to ponder, a verse to remember, and a question to consider throughout that day. Rick Warren described his book as an anti-self-help book. The first sentence of the book says: It is not about you,[5] and the rest of the chapter goes on to explain how the search for personal fulfillment, satisfaction, and meaning can only be found in understanding and doing what God has put you on earth to do. [6] The book's 40 chapters are divided into six large sections, with the following titles:[7] What the hell am I here for? Purpose #1: You were designed for the pleasure of God (Christian worship) #2 Purpose: You were formed for the Family of God (Christian Church) purpose #3: You were created to become like Christ (Discipleship) purpose #4: You were shaped to serve God (Christian Ministry) #5 Purpose: You were made for a mission (Christian mission) In later versions of the book, Two additional chapters have been added on the 2 major reasons why Christians do not live with purpose, lives, envy and pleasant people. Reception sales The book topped the Wall Street Journal's best-selling stops as well as publishers weekly's stops. The Purpose Driven Life has also been on the New York Times bestseller list for over 90 weeks. [8] It sold over 18 million copies by 2008,[9] and 32 million copies in its first decade in 2012. [10] According to author and publisher Simon & Schuster, 50 million copies had been sold in more than 85 languages by 2020. [13] Impact A May 2005 survey of American pastors and ministers conducted by George Barna asked Christian leaders to identify which books were the most influential in their lives and ministries. Purpose-Driven Life was the most The Purpose-Oriented Church, written before The Purpose Driven Life, was the second most frequent response. [14] Billy Graham described the book as like that would guide him to greatness—through the life of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission of Jesus. [citation required] Critic Biblical scholar Robert M. Price criticized Warren for applying eisegesis, which includes quoting several bible translations and selectively choosing whatever paraphrase or translation supports his theses. [15] Jason Harris criticized the book for providing scripture quotes only in final notes, making it more difficult for readers to know the context of the passages he cites. NFL legend of popular culture Ray Lewis gave the book to 23-time Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps when he went to rehab. [17] Phelps was deeply touched by the book. He read while in rehab, even to other patients, earning the nickname Preacher Mike. [18] The book occupies an important place in the film Captive released in 2015. This fact-based film tells the story of Ashley Smith, a young single mother from Atlanta, being held hostage by Brian Nichols in her apartment for seven hours. Smith reported to the media that during this time she read chapter 32 of The Purpose Driven Life to Nichols, which she credited as influencing her decision to release her from captivity. In 2012, Smith also claimed that she was struggling with drug addiction at the time, and she gave Nichols drugs to calm him down. Smith had to decide if he'd do the drugs with Nichols. Smith chose not to, and she hasn't touched the drugs since. 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Recovered from Pastor Rick teaches about the five purposes of his life: To be God-centered, to learn to love others, to grow in spiritual maturity, to give something around, and to tell others about God's love. When Saddleback Pastor Rick Warren wrote The Purpose Driven Church in 1995, he knew that for a church to be healthy, it needed to focus on God's purposes, not a pastor's very idea of ministry. Now, after more than two decades, purpose driven principles are still bringing focus and direction to a whole new generation of pastors and church leaders around the world. In his book, Pastor Rick explains that each church is led by something; tradition, finance, programs, personalities, events, seekers and even buildings can be the controlling force in a church. But for a church to be healthy, it must be built around the five New Testament purposes given to the church by Jesus. The issue is the health of the church, not the growth of the church, he writes. If your church is healthy, growth will occur naturally. Healthy growth and is the result of the balance of the five biblical purposes of the church—Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Mission, derived from the Great (Matthew 22:37-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). A BIBLICAL FOUNDATION Jesus gave the Great Commandment in response to a question. One day, Jesus was asked to identify the most important command. He answered by saying, Here is the whole Old Testament in a nutshell: The whole law and all the Prophets can be condensed into two tasks: to love God with all your heart, and to love others as yourself. Later, in some of his last words to his disciples, Jesus gave them the Great Commission and assigned them three more tasks: Go make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey all that he had taught. Together, these two passages summarize the mission of a Purpose-Oriented Church. TWELVE FEATURES In the last 25 years, Pastor Rick writes that he has seen purpose driven principles transform thousands of congregations, and today, more than 500,000 churches have been taught. Many of these congregations received the Church Health Award. Although he naturally encourages churches to check and re-verify their focus on the five purposes of worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and missions—he has always emphasized balance, health, and strength over size or shape. There is no particular formula or way of doing church; it is the focus and purpose driven intentionality that is important, not the method. There are, however, twelve characteristics that purpose-oriented churches share: 1. They have a Declaration of Purpose (in their own words) that describes their commitment to building the church around the five purposes of the New Testament: worship, evangelism, fellowship, discipleship, and ministry. 2. They use a purpose-oriented strategy to fulfill their statement of purpose. By using a variety of terms, a pd strategy brings people to Christ and to the family of God, then builds them to maturity, then equips them for ministry in the church, and then sends them out on a life mission in the world in order to bring glory to God. The PD strategy is based on two vital assumptions: 1) People grow better when you allow them to make graduated commitments. 2) You should ask for a specific commitment, such as the use of covenants. 3. They organize themselves around a purpose-oriented structure that ensures balance and places equal emphasis on all five purposes of the New Testament. PDs are team-based rather than hierarchical in structure. They are organized around Purpose-based teams (at least five; one for each purpose) composed of lay leaders and staff, with each team responsible for a specific purpose and target group (such as community, crowd, congregation, committed, and core). 4. They program by purpose. They have at least one program to fulfill each five purposes and each of the corresponding constituencies. They evangelize the community, gather the crowd for worship, communion in the disciple the committed, and equip the core for ministry and mission. 5. They personal by purpose. Every purpose has its own champion. Purpose-Oriented Churches begin by finding volunteers to lead and serve in each Purpose-based team, developing full-time paid positions as needed. 6. The pastor preaches on purpose. He plans his messages and series to ensure that the congregation receives a balanced emphasis on each of the purposes. 7. They form small groups of purpose. The DNA of the Purpose-Oriented Church is implanted in all cells of the Body of Christ. Each small group helps members fulfill each of the five purposes in their lives. The goal is to help all believers live a purpose-oriented life. 8. They calendar by purpose. Purposes are the determining factor in deciding which events are scheduled. Each event must fulfill at least one of the five purposes or is not approved. 9. They budget by purpose. Each expense is categorized by the purpose to which it refers. 10. They build by purpose. Buildings are seen as tools of ministry, not monuments. They must serve the purposes, and never become more important than the purposes. 11. Evaluate by purpose. They ask regularly: Are we balancing all five purposes? Is there a better way to accomplish every purpose? 12. Most purpose-oriented churches are built from the outside, rather than the traditional way from the inside out. It's much easier to turn a crowd into a core than to turn a core group into a crowd. You build a healthy multidimensional ministry by focusing on one level of commitment at a time. The keen focus on helping people find and follow Jesus, along with careful and regular evaluation, are always hallmarks of high-performance congregations. 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