

## EMBRACING THE VISION: THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

God's Vision for the Rest of Your Life – Rick Warren  
Parts 1-4

*"It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for . . . part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone."*  
Ephesians 1:11 (The Message)

*"Everything, absolutely everything . . . got started in him and finds its purpose in him."* Colossians 1:16 (The Message)

### 1. GOD PLANNED ME \_\_\_\_\_

*"You God created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created!"* Revelation 4:11 (NLT)

*"The Lord takes pleasure in his people."* Psalm 149:4 (GNT)

*"Long before he laid down earth's foundations, God had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of His love."* Ephesians 1:4 (The Message)

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."* Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

*"I don't want your sacrifices—I want your love! I don't want your offerings—I want you to know me!"* Hosea 6:6 (TLB)

- **THE 1<sup>st</sup> PURPOSE OF LIFE IS:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Some people have missed the most important thing in life—they don't know God."* 1 Timothy 6:21 (TLB)

*"People who don't know God are always worrying."* Matthew 6:32 (CEV)

### 2. GOD FORMED ME \_\_\_\_\_

*"God's unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave Him great pleasure."*  
Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

*"God has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's own family."* 1 Peter 1:3 (TLB)

*"That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth."*  
1 Timothy 3:15 (NCV)

*"Love your spiritual family."* 1 Peter 2:17 (The Message)

- **THE 2<sup>nd</sup> PURPOSE OF LIFE IS:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"We belong to each other and each of us needs all the others."*  
Romans 12:5 (NLT)

### 3. GOD CREATED ME \_\_\_\_\_

*"From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son."* Romans 8:29 (TLB)

*"We look at the Son and see God's original purpose in everything created."*  
Colossians 1:15 (The Message)

*"In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus."* Philippians 2:5 (NCV)

*"As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him."*  
2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)

- **THE 3<sup>rd</sup> PURPOSE OF LIFE IS:** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Some people have such shallow soil of character that when their emotions wear off and difficulty arrives, there's nothing to show for it."* Mark 4:17 (The Message)

### 4. GOD "SHAPED" ME \_\_\_\_\_

*"You shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb."*  
Psalm 139:13 (The Message)

**Spiritual Gifts**  
**Heart**  
**Abilities**  
**Personality**  
**Experiences**

*"God made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which he planned in advance for us to live our lives doing."* Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)

*"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings."* 1 Peter 4:10 (TLB)

- **THE 4<sup>th</sup> PURPOSE OF LIFE IS:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. GOD MADE ME \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus: *"In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world."* John 17:18 (The Message)

*"Where there is no vision, the people perish."* Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

*"Those who embrace my ways are most blessed."* Proverbs 8:32 (The Message)

*“Jesus included everyone in his death so everyone could be included in his life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.” 2 Corinthians 5:15 (The Message)*

*“Open your eyes and see how good God is! Blessed are you who run to him.”  
Psalm 34:8 (The Message)*

Jesus: *“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me for real rest . . . and you’ll recover your life . . . and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”  
Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message)*

*“It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.” Acts 10:35 (The Message)*

### **A PRAYER OF PURPOSE**

Dear God, thank you for creating me and loving me. I want to fulfill the purposes that you created me for. So starting today, I really want to get to know and love and trust you. I want my life to bring you pleasure and I want to become a part of your family. Help me to grow more like your Son Jesus, and to use my life to follow and serve you. Thank you for sending Jesus to die for me. In the weeks ahead, help me to understand your vision and mission for the rest of my life.

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