

**THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE**  
*Or, The Forty Weeks of Purpose*  
**A Sermon Series Based on the Book by Rick Warren**  
**Message One: Introduction to the Purpose Driven Life**  
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**INTRODUCTION:** Remember, these are God's purposes, not Rick Warren's.

The purposes in the Purpose Drive Life correspond with the purposes of Brookdale Baptist Church (our S.W.O.R.D.):

Service: God's Service

Worship: God's Pleasure

Outreach: God's Mission

Relationships: God's Family

Discipleship: God's Image (Christ-like)

**PROPOSITION:** God has designed each of for five purposes, which correlate with the five purposes of the church. Fulfilling these purposes individually and collectively brings glory to God.

**I. PURPOSE ONE: YOU WERE PLANNED FOR GOD'S PLEASURE (WORSHIP).**

A. Isa. 61:3

*To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give them beauty for ashes,  
The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they may be called trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."*

B. Rev. 4:11

*"You are worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory and honor and power;  
For You created all things,*

*And by Your will they exist and were created.”*

C. Psalm 149:4a

*For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;  
He will beautify the humble with salvation.*

## **II. PURPOSE TWO: YOU WERE FORMED FOR GOD’S FAMILY (RELATIONSHIPS).**

A. John 15:5

*“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.*

B. Rom. 12:5

*...so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.*

C. 1 John 3:1

*Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*

## **III. PURPOSE THREE: YOU WERE CREATED TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST (DISCIPLESHIP).**

A. Col. 2:7

*...rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.*

B. Rom. 8:29

*For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

C. Col. 1:15

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

**IV. PURPOSE FOUR: YOU WERE SHAPED FOR SERVING GOD (SERVICE).**

A. 1 Cor. 3:5, 6

*<sup>5</sup>Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.*

B. Eph. 2:10

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

C. John 7:4

*“For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.”*

**V. PURPOSE FIVE: YOU WERE MADE FOR A MISSION (OUTREACH).**

A. Prov. 11:30

*The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,  
And he who wins souls is wise.*

B. John 17:18

*As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.*

C. Acts 20:24

*“But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

**APPLICATION:**

1. Buy and read the book, The Purpose Driven Life.\
2. Apply what you learn and discover.
3. Memorize the “verse of the week” (printed in the bulletin each week).
4. Participate in Operation: Turnaround Brookdale.

5. Meet with one or more people on a weekly basis to share what you are learning, hold yourself accountable, and pray.
6. Commit to be changed; don't just be intrigued.
7. Just love God; really love Him!