

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE
Or, The Forty Weeks of Purpose
A Sermon Series Based on the Book by Rick Warren
Message Seven (Week Six): Life is a Temporary Assignment
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INTRODUCTION:

We have seen that:

1. Life is a Test.
2. Life is a Trust. Now we shall see that...
3. Life is a Temporary Assignment.

Psalm 39:4

PROPOSITION: There are three truths that you must grasp to understand and work you're your "temporary assignment."

I. YOU ARE AN ALIEN HERE ON EARTH. Phil. 3:17-21.

- A. Your Stay on Earth is Passing. James 4:14.
- B. Your Stay on Earth is Problematic. Phil. 1:21-26.
- C. Your Stay on Earth is Perilous. 2 Cor. 11:22-27.

II. YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR HERE ON EARTH. Eph. 6:20.

- A. You Represent Another Country.
- B. You Reside in an Alien Country. John 18:36.
- C. You are Rejected By an Antagonistic Country. Matt. 10:22.

III. YOU ARE ANXIOUS HERE ON EARTH.

- A. There is Discontentment in Your Spirit. Luke 3:4; Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:8; Heb. 13:5.

1. Be Content with Your *Possessions* Here.
 2. Be Content with Your *Provision* Here.
 3. Don't Be Content with Your *Place* Here.
- B. There is *Direction* in the Scriptures. Rom. 15:4.
- C. There is *Desire* in the Savior. 1 Cor. 13:12.

APPLICATION:

1. If your house was burning down and you had enough time to get one object (not person), what would it be?
2. How do you spend those few, rare “spare moments”?
3. How have you done in representing Jesus as an ambassador?

Point to Ponder: This world is not my home.

Question to Consider: How should the fact that life on earth is a temporary assignment change the way I am living right now?