

**THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE**  
*Or, The Forty Weeks of Purpose*  
A Sermon Series Based on the Book by Rick Warren  
Weeks Thirty-Eight through Forty: Living With Purpose  
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**INTRODUCTION:**

Consider a brief summary of our study...

- You were planned for God's pleasure
- You were formed for God's family
- You were created to become like Christ
- You were shaped for serving God
- You were made for a mission

Brookdale's purpose, vision, and mission are in keeping with these five purposes...

- Our "**Purpose** Statement" reads:

**BROOKDALE BAPTIST CHURCH EXISTS TO GLORIFY CHRIST  
BY LOVING GOD AND LOVING OTHERS.**

- Our "**Vision** Statement" reads:

**BROOKDALE BAPTIST CHURCH IS A VIBRANT CHRISTIAN  
COMMUNITY THAT IS COMMITTED TO MEANINGFUL  
SERVICE, DYNAMIC WORSHIP, STRATEGIC OUTREACH,  
NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS, AND INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLESHIP.**

**This is our "S.W.O.R.D."**

S- Service.  
W- Worship.  
O- Outreach.  
R- Relationships.  
D- Discipleship.

- Our "**Mission** Statement" reads:

Brookdale will fulfill its purpose and vision by...

- **Exalting Christ the Messiah:** This is the "W" (worship) of our Sword.
- **Evangelizing the Community for Membership:** This is the "O" (outreach) of our Sword.
- **Edifying the Church for Maturity:** This is the "R" (relationships) of our Sword.
- **Equipping the Congregation for Ministry:** This is the "D" (discipleship) of our Sword.
- **Empowering the Committed for Mission:** This is the "S" (service) of our Sword.

This progression of mission can be seen as a "target," or a group of concentric circles, wherein people, as they become increasingly more committed to Christ, move from the outer circle to the inner circle (see below).

Another way of viewing this progression is a baseball diamond (see below).

Mark 16:15; Psalm 67:2

**PROPOSITION:** As we close our study of the Purpose-Driven Life, we must do three things to be a person who “lives with a purpose.”

**I. HAVE THE ATTITUDE OF A PERSON WITH A PURPOSE. 1 Cor. 14:20.**

- A. Shift from Personal Thinking to Relational Thinking. Phil. 2:4.
- B. Shift from Local Thinking to Global Thinking. John 3:16; Acts 1:8.
- C. Shift from Temporal Thinking to Eternal Thinking. Matt. 6:20, 21.
- D. Shift from Rational Thinking to Supernatural Thinking. Jer. 1:7, 8.

**II. DO THE ACTIONS OF A PERSON WITH A PURPOSE. Eph. 5:15.**

- A. Plan on Accountability. Prov. 27:17.

B. Plan on Analysis. 2 Cor. 13:5.

C. Plan on Archiving. Heb. 2:1.

D. Plan on Affecting. Prov. 11:25; 2 Tim. 2:2; 1 Tim. 4:6.

**III. FIND THE ANSWERS OF A PERSON WITH A PURPOSE. Prov. 19:2.**

- A. What Will Be the Contribution of My Life (Service)? 2 Cor. 9:12; John 15:16.
- B. What Will Be the Center of My Life (Worship)? Eph. 3:17; Phil. 4:7.
- C. What Will Be the Communication of My Life (Outreach)? Josh. 24:15.
- D. What Will Be the Community of My Life (Relationships)? Eph. 5:25.
- E. What Will Be the Character of My Life (Discipleship)? 2 Peter 1:5.

**APPLICATION:**

**Points to Ponder:**

- The Great Commission is *my* commission.
- Blessed are the balanced.
- Living with purpose is the only way to *really* live.

**Questions to Consider:**

- What steps can I take to prepare to go on a short-term missions experience in the coming year?
- Which of the four activities (under Main Point number II) will I begin in order to stay on track and balance God’s five purposes (under Main Point number III) for my life?
- When will I take the time to write down my answers to life’s five great questions (under Main Point number III)? When will I put my purposes on paper?