

PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

*A Manifesto on
The Meaning of Life*



CHRISTIAN EMBASSY

I. INTRODUCTION

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Dr. Rick Warren, author of the book *The Purpose-Driven Life*, spoke about “Living Purposefully in Uncertain Times” at the International Prayer Breakfast on the Opening Day of the General Assembly to an audience that included heads of state, foreign ministers, ambassadors and diplomats from over 60 countries. It will be our purpose to discover and develop the personal implications and responsibilities of that message which is found deeply rooted in God’s word to humanity, the Bible.

As the Wall Street Journal reported, “*The Purpose-Driven Life* turns the thesis of the typical self-help tome straight on its head. The premise—that true purpose in life is found not in self-absorption but through faith in action—rings true.... Warren’s message is unassailable. It accomplishes a great deal by urging us to turn our focus above rather than within.”

ABC News stated, “*The Purpose-Driven Life* is the epicenter of a spiritual shockwave taking root across America in unlikely places like offices and college campuses. It is more than a book; it has become a movement.”

1. The first words of the bible, Genesis 1:1 says, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” after which “God created man in his own image” (Genesis 1:27). What difference would it make whether or not a person accepts this premise?

2. Read Matthew 22:34-40. According to Jesus, what should be our top two life priorities? What are some alternative priorities you might hear from your colleagues?

3. How does one love God? John 15:9-11; 13:34-35
How could this affect your relationships with colleagues in your office? Your committees?

*“God decided to choose us long ago in keeping with his plan.
He works out everything to fit His plan and purpose.”
Ephesians 1:11b*