

PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

*A Manifesto on
The Meaning of Life*



CHRISTIAN EMBASSY

II. INTRODUCTION-PART 2

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At the International Prayer Breakfast on the Opening Day of the General Assembly, Dr. Rick Warren, author of the book *The Purpose-Driven Life*, said that a person's spiritual emptiness leads him to ask three questions.

1. *Existence*: Why am I alive?
2. *Significance*: Does my life matter?
3. *Intention*: What is my purpose?

True purpose in life is found not in ourselves, but in God and the truths He has revealed to us in the Bible. While this is not always the first place we look to answer such questions, it is very likely to be the *last* place we look. Andrei Bitov, a Russian novelist, concluded, "Without God, life makes no sense." As we turn our focus above, rather than within, we are able to discover answers about the essential foundations for our existence, significance and intention.

1. Ephesians 1:11 says, "It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone." What insight does this give into your purpose?
2. Psalm 139 describes God as One who is familiar with all our ways (v. 3) and is everywhere we could possibly go, ready to provide for us and protect us (v 10). Read verses 13-16. How does this relate to your existence, significance and intention?
3. Psalm 138:6-8 reveals the inner thoughts of King David when he was facing difficulty and uncertainty. What principles are foundational in his life?
4. How could you apply these principles to your life-challenges today?

*"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*