



What drives your life? The wise teacher who wrote Ecclesiastes said “I observed that the basic motive for success is the driving force of envy and jealousy” (4:4). Rick Warren mentions a few other common ones and considers the alternatives.

1. *Guilt*- Guilt-driven people are manipulated by memories. They allow their past to control their future (p.27). Psalm 32:1 answers, “Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven!”
 2. *Anger*- Job declares, “To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish, senseless thing to do” (5:2).
 3. *Fear*- “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear” 1 John 4:18
 4. *Materialism*- Your value is not determined by your valuables, and God says the most valuable *things* in life are not things! (p.29)
 5. *Approval*- “No one can serve two masters” (Matthew 6:24)
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1. Read Jeremiah 29:10-14. How does this description of God’s plan compare with what many people think it is? How does it compare with your own experience?

 2. What are our responsibilities in order to realize God’s purpose for our lives? What impediments hinder us from achieving that purpose?

 3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-10. Warren says, “While life on earth offers many choices, eternity offers only two: heaven or hell. Your relationship to God on earth will determine your relationship to him in eternity. How would a person’s life be different if they were living in light of eternity?

 4. C.S. Lewis said, “There are two kinds of people: those who say to God ‘*Thy will be done*’ and those to whom God says, ‘*All right then, have it your way.*’” What would others say is the driving force in your life? What do you want it to be?

*“You, Lord, give perfect peace
to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.”
Isaiah 26:3*