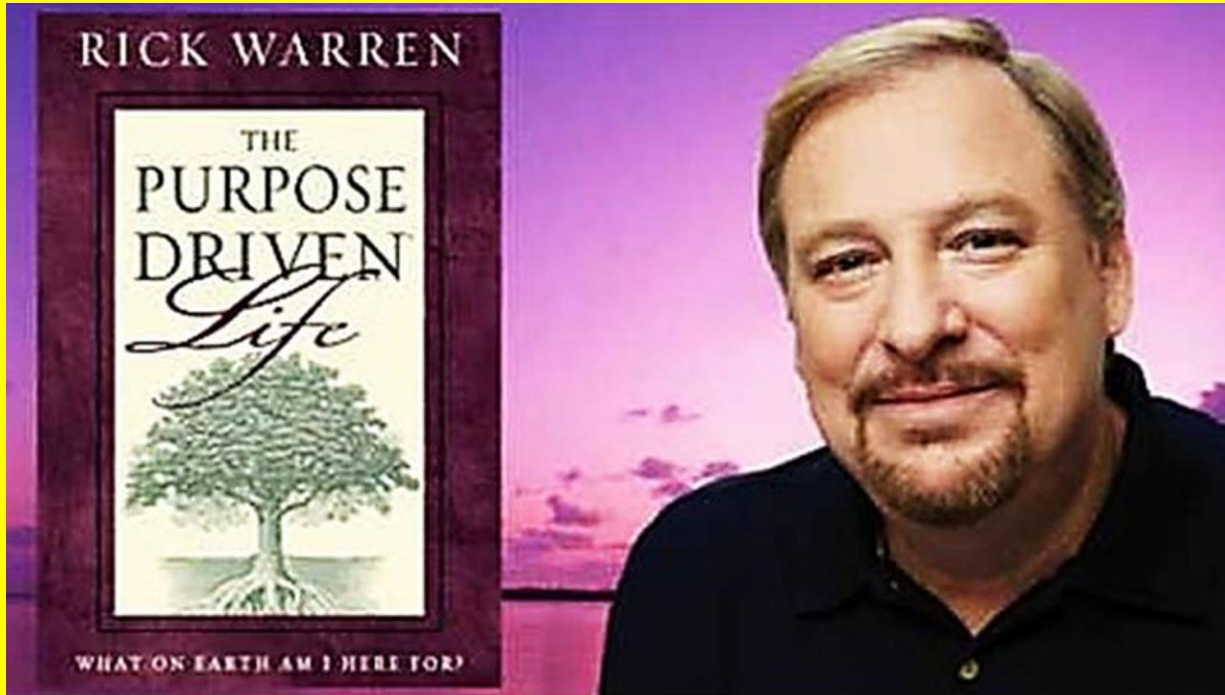




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10 things you need to know to finish your task



1 One day, God will do an audit of your life.

Rom. 14 v10 - For we will all stand before God's judgment seat

Rom. 14 v12 -each of us will give an account of ourselves to God

2 Cor 5 v10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.



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Questions

What did you do with my Son, Jesus?

What did you do with what I gave you?

Is anyone going to be in heaven because of you?



2 God put you here for 5 purposes

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| To know and love Christ | (your worship) |
| To belong to Christ's family | (fellowship/membership) |
| To grow like Christ | (discipleship and maturity) |
| To serve Christ | (service and ministry) |
| To share Christ | (witness and mission) |



3 Paul's priority and example was to finish the task which God gave him

Acts 20 v24 - However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.



4 Jesus made an outrageous promise to those who put his agenda first

Matthew 6 v33 - *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

What are 'these things'?



5 Jesus focussed his entire life on the task assigned to him by God

Aged 12: *“I must be about my Father’s business”* Luke 2 49

John 4 v34 - *“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work”.*



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John 5 v36 - *the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me*

John 5 v17 - *“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”*



5 Jesus focussed his entire life on the task assigned to him by God

Then on the last night before the cross he told God the Father: “*I have **BROUGHT YOU GLORY on earth by **FINISHING THE TASK** you gave me to do!***” John 17:4



6 Jesus modelled how to seek and to build God's Kingdom – teaching, preaching, healing, praying and building

Matt 9 v35 - Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness.

Luke 5 v16 - Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Matt 21 v13 - "My house will be called a house of prayer"



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Matt 16 v18 - *I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail*



7 Jesus expects us to continue the work he began

The book of Luke is about the life of Christ until he returned to heaven. The book of Acts is about the birth and growth of the church afterwards.

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. (Acts 1 v1-2) Commissioning



7 Jesus expects us to continue the work he began

What Jesus began to do in his physical body while on earth, he now continues to do through us, his Spiritual Body, the Church.

1 Cor 12 v27 - *Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*



8 The work of Jesus can be remembered using P-E-A-C-E

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| P roclaim the Good News | (Evangelism) |
| E quip believers | (Discipleship) |
| A lleviate suffering | (Ministry/Service) |
| C ontinually pray | (Worship/Reverence) |
| E stablish churches | (Fellowships) |



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Proclaim the Good News (Evangelism)

Jesus modelled this: Luke 8 v1 - *Jesus travelled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God.*

And he commanded his followers to do it: Mark 16 v15 - *And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."*



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Equip believers (Discipleship)

Jesus modelled 5 levels of equipping:

He **loved** everyone....he **taught** the crowds....he **trained** the committed 72.....he **discipled** the core 12
.....he **mentored** a particular 3



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Alleviate suffering (Ministry/Service)

JESUS – Luke 4 v18-19 - “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD’s favour has come.”



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Alleviate suffering (Ministry/Service)

US – Luke 10 v37 (The Good Samaritan)

Jesus told him (the expert in the law), “Go and do likewise.”



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Continually pray (Worship/Reverence)

Luke 5 v16 - *But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.*

Luke 18 v1 - *Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.*



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Establish churches (Fellowships)

Matt 16 v18 - *And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*

Eph 4 v16 - *From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*



9 A significant milestone will be reached in 2033

Pentecost 2033 will mark the 2000th birthday of the Christian Church!

What do you think Jesus would want most for the 2000th birthday of his body on earth?



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Great Commission Allies

Committed to playing their part in accomplishing five 'Great Commission Goals' by 2033



10 Five goals, each expressing a task that Jesus modelled

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**Believers, bibles, bridges of love,
breakthrough prayer, bodies of Christ**

Believers – making believers by proclaiming the good news

Bibles – for everyone in every language

Bridges of love – outreach, alleviating suffering

Breakthrough prayer – pray for unbelievers (3 each)

Bodies of Christ – establish new churches





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Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them (John 13 v17)

James 1 v22 - *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

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“God uses ordinary people in ordinary places”

Acts 4 v13 - When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

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“God’s greatest movements often begin with people the world overlooks and in places the world avoids”

“ God is not looking for extraordinary people; he’s looking for ordinary people who will trust an extraordinary God”



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