

PLANNED FOR GOD'S PLEASURE

Based on Rick Warren's

The Purpose Driven Life – Part 2

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Sermon Outline Notes

If you want to know the purpose of your life, you have to ask your Creator or read your owner's manual.

"You (God) created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created." Revelation 4:11b (NLT)

"I (Jesus) came that you might have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10 (RSV)

God made you because He loves you and wants to enjoy you. You were planned for God's pleasure.

God doesn't spy on us, trying to catch us doing something wrong. He's proud of us, at least most of the time, and He enjoys watching us be us.

"Love the Lord your God... This is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

God made you to love you and His greatest desire is for you to love Him back.

MY 1ST PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO WORSHIP GOD.

"Because of God's great mercy to us... Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him. This is the true worship that you should offer." Romans 12:1 (TEV)

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." Mark 12: 30 (NCV)

GOD WANTS ME TO LOVE HIM...

THOUGHTFULLY
PASSIONATELY
PRACTICALLY

"with all my mind"
"with all my heart and soul"
"with all my strength"

1. WORSHIP IS FOCUSING MY ATTENTION ON GOD.

"Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense His grace." Matthew 6:6 (Msg)

2. WORSHIP IS EXPRESSING MY AFFECTION TO GOD.

"We love Him, because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19 (KJV)

"I don't want your sacrifices -- I want your love! I don't want your offerings -- I want you to know Me!" Hosea 6:6 (LB)

3. WORSHIP IS USING MY ABILITIES FOR GOD.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people." Colossians 3:23 (TEV)

Going to church each week is important, but most of us spend far more time at work than we do at church. Praying each day is important, but most students spend more time in class than they do in prayer. What if you could turn your work time and your school time and your play time into worship time?

Most of the time, God doesn't care what you do for a living. He just wants to know, "Are you doing it for Me?"

If you can turn work, study, and play into worship, then you're worshipping God 24 hours a day.

"Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering." Romans 12:1a (Msg)

Everything can be turned into worship, if you put your head, hands, heart, and soul into it, if you work as though you were working for God.

Real worship is lifestyle. Choices become actions, actions become habits, habits become character, and character defines who we are.