

# Rick Warren on life's owner's manual

“Fortunately, there is an alternative to speculation about the meaning and purpose of life. It’s revelation. We can turn to what God has revealed about life in His Word. The easiest way to discover the purpose of an invention is to ask the creator of it. The same is true for discovering your life’s purpose: ask God.

“God has not left us in the dark to wonder and guess. He has clearly revealed His five purposes for our lives through the Bible. It’s our **owner’s manual**, explaining why we are alive, how life works, what to avoid, and what to expect in the future. It explains what no self-help or philosophy book could know. The Bible says in 1 Cor. 2:7, ‘God’s wisdom... goes deep into the interior of His purposes... It’s not the latest message, but more like the oldest—what God determined as the way to bring out His best in us...’

“God is not just the starting point of your life; He is the source of it. To discover your purpose in life you must turn to God’s Word, not the world’s wisdom. You must build your life on eternal truths. 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.’” –Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*