



Rick Warren said, “There are many ‘good’ things you can do with your life, but God’s purposes are the five essentials you *must* do” (p. 312). They are summarized (p 306) in the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission of Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20):

1. **“Love God with all your heart”**: You were planned for God’s pleasure, so your purpose is to love God through *worship*.
2. **“Love your neighbor as yourself”**: You were shaped for serving, so your purpose is to show love for others through *ministry*.
3. **“Go and make disciples”**: You were made for a mission, so your purpose is to share God’s message through *evangelism*.
4. **“baptize them into...”**: You were formed for God’s family, so your purpose is to identify with his church through *fellowship*.
5. **“teach them to do all things...”**: You were created to become like Christ, so your purpose is to grow to maturity through *discipleship*.

“A great commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will make you a great Christian”

Please complete the *Purpose Driven Life Health Assessment*.
Now, please read Luke 8:5-15.

1. How would you characterize the people described by the four soils?
2. Which one would you (or someone close to you) say best describes your life? Which one would you like to represent your life?
3. As you consider the five essential purposes listed above, what might be preventing you from being the “great Christian” God wants you to be?
4. What steps can you take this week to be a “great Christian”? Is there anything we can do to help?

*“It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.
Long before we first heard of Christ,...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.”*
(Ephesians 1:11 MSG)