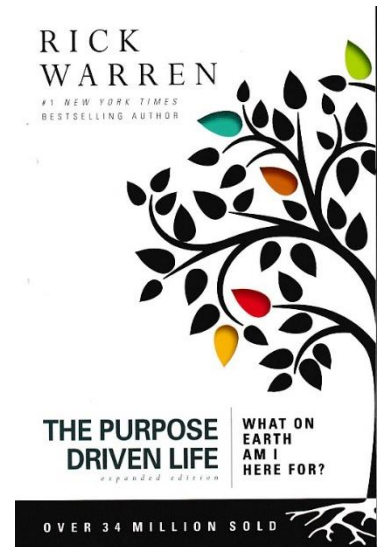


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Book's title: The Purpose Driven Life
Author: Rick Warren
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Sharing:

As a Christian, sometimes I would ask a seemingly dumb question: Why do we still have to live in this world even if we are faced with lots of difficulties and hardships in life? Are they what God wanted me to experience? Why can others have a wonderful life, but I can't?



I first heard of this book during a worship, where the pastor introduced the Chinese version of this book to his friends and some of them were baptized later. That motivated me to read this book as well, and I decided to read the English version as I enjoy reading the original version, which was written by Rick Warren, an American evangelical minister. After reading this book, I gained insights into the plan that God gave me. I would like to share the five purposes of living on this Earth, created by our God.

Purpose 1: You were planned for God's pleasure

Purpose 2: You were formed for God's family

Purpose 3: You were created to become like Christ

Purpose 4: You were shaped for serving God

Purpose 5: You were made for a mission

Even though we are leading a busy and hectic life in Hong Kong, I am no longer doubtful of God's plan on Earth after reviewing the above five purposes in life. For example, there could be lots of temptations in the workplace and we tend to work in a way that God would not be pleased. However, this book teaches me how to overcome those temptations by requesting God's help and by praying to him. We would be able to see a way out as long as we are confident that God can save us from sin.

Becoming a Christian doesn't mean that we would not suffer in this world. We still have to learn how to overcome adversities in the face of difficulties. More importantly, with the teaching and sharing from this book, I am sure that God is with me at all time and I can have more faith and trust in God.

I would like to thank God once again for introducing this book to me and I would sincerely hope that everyone of you can read this book to realize how great our God is. The multiple purposes mentioned in this book can let all of us know how to serve him and fulfill his purposes when we were given a valuable opportunity to live on this Earth.