

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN



*The Seven Habits of
Highly Effective People*

Habit #2 — Begin With the End in Mind. The habit of personal leadership. In this habit, we begin each day, week, project, etc. with a clear vision of our direction and destination. This habit inculcates the ability to create our desired results mentally first in accordance to our guiding principles, and then maintain this vision throughout our daily activities. Part of the process of developing this habit is to develop a personal mission statement, philosophy, or creed. This mission statement focus on what you want to be and do. Your planning activities then can always be refer back to this mission statement so you can maintain a proper perspective on where you are headed and how you hope to get there. This habit is called Personal Leadership because Leadership is considered to be the first creation of your vision which is then managed in your planning and daily activities.

DIGGING DEEPER...

Chapter 40 addresses the importance of having a clear purpose in life. In the following passages what were Jesus' stated purposes in life?

Luke 4:18-19 *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To p roclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”*

Matthew 5:17 *“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.”*

John 6:38 *“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”*

John 10:10 *“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS...

In this chapter Rick Warren encouraged the reader to develop a Purpose Statement for his or her life. In the space below use the questions to develop your own Purpose Statement.

1. “What will be the center of my life {p. 314}?”
2. “What will be the character of my life {p. 314}?”
3. “What will be the contribution of my life {p. 315}?” Then describe what service you can offer the body of Christ.
4. “What will be the communication of my life {p. 315}?” In response to the question describe what you believe God wants you to leave the world.
5. “What will be the community of my life” {p. 316}? Next, state the expression of love for God’s church that you would include in your purpose statement.
6. On the back of this page and using the examples of Purpose Statements listed on page 317 write out a Purpose Statement for your life. Include the ideas that you developed above to be a part of your purpose statement.