

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE BOOK IS UNSCRIPTURAL

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I am critiquing the Purpose Driven Life book because it has sold over 25 million copies and is trying to re-define all of Christianity worldwide. Because it is in the public sector, I feel it is necessary to answer it's unscriptural roots in the public sector.

*PDL stands for Rick Warren's book, The Purpose Driven Life. Scriptural errors can be found beginning on the dedication page and on almost every page in the book. I am just addressing a few of these errors in this article. For deeper understanding and research go to the reference works at the end of this article.

Rom 1:25 "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."

ERRORS:

1. pg. 88 PDL the author says, "**The Bible says, 'He (God) rules everything and is everywhere and is 'in' everything.'**"

This is pantheism of Eastern religions. (There are many other such New Age comments in the book).

2. pg. 193 PDL, he says, "**God has a purpose behind every problem**".

3. pg. 195 PDL states, "**because God is sovereignly in control, accidents are just incidents in God's good plan for you.**"

Question? Is God's good plan for you to have accidents? Where does personal responsibility factor in? Does he mean God makes people get drunk and have accidents that kill innocent people? If everything is the 100 % sovereignty of God then why go to school, why work; why go to the doctor, why pray; why have faith, why keep God's commandments; why try? The one hundred percent sovereignty of God comes from pagan theology. Greek mythology taught that the gods controlled ones life like pawns, bishops, and knights in a chess game. God sovereignly does many things, but He gave man a will. Not everything that happens to us is God's sovereign will. Many bad things happen when people get out of the will of God and disobey His Word.

Deuteronomy 30:19..."I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life that both thou and thy seed may live:" God gives man a choice.

4. pg. 195-6 PDL, **“God’s plan for your life is all that happens to you, including mistakes, YOUR SINS, your hurts, your illness, debt, disasters, DIVORCE, and death of your loved ones.”**

That statement is nothing less than blasphemous! To say that God plans for you to sin, get a divorce and get in debt is not scriptural! If a person believes such unscriptural statements like these, he will eventually hate God, believing God is causing his problems. If God causes all our problems who needs the devil!

The Bible says:

Exodus 20:20 “And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.”

John 5:14 “Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.”

Why would God command us not to sin and warn us of eternal judgment if we sin, and then predestinate us to sin?” This is man’s theology and doctrines of devils. It is not the teachings of the Bible.

Saying God causes illness is totally defiant of the Holy Scriptures.

Luke 13:16 “And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?”

John 10:10 “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

God is not the thief!”

The author of PDL doesn’t even acknowledge the work of the devil. He blames God for what the devil is doing. Speaking about the man of God, 1 Timothy 3:6 says, “Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.”

5. pg.94 PDL, **“God allowed this. He always acts in your best interest.”**

Is this biblical? According to the Bible, bad things happen to us because we don’t act in our own best interest by sinning and living careless lives. Stop blaming God for messing up our lives. No wonder unbelievers think Christians are so unstable and so many people hate God. Many take no responsibilities for their actions.

Matthew 18:18 “Verily I say unto you ,Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Romans 1:30 ...“haters of God,”

6. pg. 23 PDL, referring to God, **“He planned the days of your life in advance, choosing the exact time of you birth and death.” “God never does anything accidentally.”**

Again, he totally ignores the devil and people living wreckless lives.

1 Peter 5:8 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”

Job 2:7 “ so went Satan forth from the presence of the lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.”

God is not your enemy! God does not cause accidents, aids, or genocide. They come about by demonically inspired people and also by people who lack good judgment. This is what opens the door for the devil to destroy them.

7. pg. 111 PDL... **“God’s in control”**

That is not true in regards to everything in our lives, otherwise God would be the one causing all the murder, abortions, rape, etc which PDL infers. So, again the author of PDL is taking away our personal responsibility. That is what modern psychology teaches. For example, psychology says that a person is bad because he was abused as a child. Of course this can have a negative impact on a person, but it doesn’t necessarily make one a bad person. Everyone has a choice. No one makes us do anything. There are many children raised in bad homes who overcame their home life and became wonderful people. There are also many raised in good homes who became bad people and turned to a life of sin. Everyone has a choice of what they will do with Christ and what they will do with their own life. Little choices add up to a big outcome. If God is in control, this implies that we don’t need to plan ahead and don’t have to be careful with our lives. See what happens to you if you live this way. If God is in control, this implies that He is the cause of wars and every imaginable evil. If God is in control, take your hands off the steering wheel of your car and see what happens.

James 4:1-2... “From whence come wars and fightings among you, come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.”

Psalms 119:109 says, “My soul is continually in my hand:”

8. pg. 81 PDL, says of God, **“Genuine Surrender says,” “...if this problem, pain, sickness or circumstance is needed to fulfill your purpose and glory in my life, please don’t take it away.”**

This is man made theology and doctrines of devils. It is not scriptural.

James 5:14-15 states, “Is there any sick among you, Let them call the elders... And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.”

Pain and sickness is what keeps you from having a productive life. We are never to surrender to the devil, sickness, poverty, nor things trying to destroy our homes. Surrendering to God is surrendering to live by His Word, it is not surrendering to sickness, poverty, the devil and defeat.

James 4:7 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

9. pg. 43 PDL, **“We don’t know the tests that God will give us”**

1Thessolonians 3:4-5...“For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.” Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.”

Matthew 4:3... “And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.”

10. pg. 199 PDL states, **“We are transformed by trouble.”**

Psalms 32:7... “Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.”

Psalms 20:1... “The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;” (Why would God defend you if He sent you trouble? Would He defend you from Himself?)

Romans 12:2 “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” The Bible does not say “we are transformed by trouble. We are transformed by being born again by the Spirit of God and the renewing of our mind with the Word of God.

Ephesians 5:26...“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,”

Psalms 51:10... “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”

We can definitely learn lessons out of trouble, but they are not sent by God. They are caused by our ignorance, stupidity, rebellion against God’s Word or Satanic attack.

Ephesians 6:12-16...“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” “Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”

Hosea 4:6... “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:”

2 Timothy 2:15... “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

11. pg. 199 PDL, **“These troubles come to you to prove your faith in God”**

The Bible says trouble comes because of lack of wisdom or because of an attack of the devil.

Luke 22:31-32... “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not:”

1 Peter 1:6-7... “Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more

precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:"

I Thessalonians. 5:22...(you) "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

Proverbs 1:7... "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

THE BLESSINGS AND CURSES ARE CONDITIONAL!

SALVATION:

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him** should not perish, but have everlasting life." (Believing in Christ and his atoning work on the cross is the condition)

HEALING:

Matthew 13:58, (of Jesus), "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS:

Malachi 3:10-11 "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts." (These material blessings are conditional).

1 Timothy 5:8 "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

Deuteronomy 30:19 "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

Everything in the Bible shows that man was made in the image of God, and has been given a will to make choices. According to the Bible, many problems come to us because we make bad choices, not that God has a purpose in our mistakes. The devil has a purpose in getting us to make mistakes. According to the PDL book, man does not have a choice. This is the theology of the ancient pagans who believed that our lives are dictated by fate, the stars, or astrology. This concept is totally opposite the Bible. The Bible says that the blessings and cursings in your life are conditional to your obedience to God and keeping His commandments.

*Deuteronomy 28:1-3... "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God."

*Deuteronomy 28:14-15... “But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:”

The Bible clearly shows the blessings and cursings are conditional upon what you do or don't do. The author of PDL may have a Doctorate in Ministry, but he doesn't know the Bible, or is intentionally distorting it.

Mark 7:8-9 “For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men,”
“...And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.”

1Timothy 4:1... “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;”

This pagan theology reflected in Greek mythology of the gods controlling our lives is now being taught as the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This much flagrant misrepresentation of God and the Bible can't be just a casual mistake.

12. pg. 94 PDL, “**Bitterness is the greatest barrier to friendship with God.**

... Why would I want to be God's friend if He allowed it? The antidote, of course, is to realize that God always acts in your best interest, even when it is painful and you don't understand it.”

If that is the case, then losing a child, according to the author of PDL, would be God acting in your best interest. How in the world would an auto accident, cancer or loss of a loved one be God acting in your best interest? That would make God your enemy and not your friend. That is how many view God today because of such unscriptural teachings.

Prov 18:24 is referring to God, “there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.”

Proverbs 4:7... “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.”

1 Peter 5:8-9 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

Jeremiah 29:11...“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

The author of PDL doesn't even talk about the devil. To him God does everything good and evil. This is traditional religious theology and New Age philosophy.

13. pg. 187 PDL, the author says he **uses the Bible as the final authority**.

The problem is which Bible? He uses 15 different translations and paraphrases. Each one translates or paraphrases the scriptures differently from the others. He does not like the authorized KJV. The many translations and paraphrases bring great confusion. See

comparisons of the translations in my book, The Paganization of Christianity. (www.lorendavis.com). Ask yourself why no one argues about changing Shakespeare's use of the old English. Shakespeare's language is no different than the KJV. In fact Shakespeare is required reading in high school, college and university! I have never heard the argument that students can't understand Shakespeare, so we must re-translate Shakespeare into modern English. Since this truth is evident, why then is the old English made such an issue about the KJV, saying we can't understand it? It is evident that the only rationale for this argument is just an excuse to change the Bible and compromise it.

Revelation 22:18-19 ... "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

These translations and paraphrases add to and/or take away from the Holy Scriptures .

1 Corinthians 14:33... For "God is not the author of confusion,"

The author of the PDL book knows how to say the right words that appeal to the fleshly mind, but they ring hollow against the true Bible.

Genesis 3:1... "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made."

2 Peter 1:16 ... "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables..."

That is what the Purpose Driven Life book is, a cunningly devised, (and, in my opinion, a pre-meditated) fable. If you really know the KJV Bible, you can't be deceived by this man or any other man. The problem is, that with the proliferation of so many translations and paraphrases; the different seminaries attacking the KJV Bible so vociferously; people primarily reading religious books; or just listening to preaching or teaching tapes by various preachers, Christians don't really know what the Bible says. All their information about God is second hand.

Psalms 119:11... "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

John 4:23-24 "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: "

John 1:47 "Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

Unfortunately, that cannot be said about many who pose as Christ's apostles and prophets. They are using Christ's name for their own advantage or to deceptively bring into the church an agenda opposite the Bible's.

2 Timothy 2:19 "The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

2 Corinthians 11:13... "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ."

14 pg. 164, PDL, states... **“When I judge another believer, instantly I lose fellowship with God”**.

This is totally unscriptural.

1 Corinthians 5:12-13 “For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.”

John 7:24 “Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”

I John 4:1 “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”

1 Corinthians 12:10 “...to another discerning of spirits;”

People who don’t have good judgment are easily deceived and destroyed. We must judge what is taught to see if it is sound doctrine or doctrines of devils.

15. pg. 203, PDL, states, **“Satan is predictable”**...

No statement could be further from the truth. The Bible calls Satan a deceiver. A deceiver is anything but predictable.

Revelation 20:10... “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

Revelation 18:23... “for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.”

II John 1:7... “For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.”

16. The PDL has a program to train pastors called, “lead like Jesus”

We are not to emulate Jesus and lead like Him, we are to follow him. We are not little messiahs just copying Jesus. The problem comes when the Lord’s servants try to take His place. We have spiritual leaders but they are just under shepherds. We are not to follow man, but to follow Jesus Christ and the Bible.

Matthew 4:19...“And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

John 13:16...”Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.”

1 Corinthians 1:12-13... “Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided?”

No preacher is to take the head of Christ’s church.

17. pg. 108, PDL tells us, **“God will test you with periods of seeming separation”**

The Bible says,

James 4:8... “Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.”

2 Chronicles 15:2... “while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.”

(You initiate drawing back from God. He doesn’t).

pg. 109, PDL, **“This separation is a normal part of maturing in developing your friendship with God”**

No friendship has ever been developed by intentionally separating from one another. When there is separation from God, it is because we initiated the separation, not Him! One can separate from God by not following His Word.

Hebrews 13:5 “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

Proverbs 18:24... “A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.”

18. pg. 303, PDL, says, “**The Great Commission is (my) commission.**”

The Great Commission is found in Mark 16:15-18.

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

Which part of the Great Commission in the above verses, is he doing? He is not going throughout Africa and the world preaching salvation, laying hands on the sick and casting out devils. He is not giving out Bibles to the masses, he is giving out his PDL book! He is preaching a social, New Age, humanitarian message and promoting his Global Peace Plan. This is not the Great Commission. He is substituting his social gospel for Christ’s spiritual Gospel. What is being done in the name of missions may be a mission, but it is not biblical missions!

Jesus defined missions in Mark 16:15-16

The primary purpose of missions is to prepare people for where they will spend eternity. John 3:16. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

The PDL book is not even talking about salvation or eternity. It intentionally uses words from the Bible but twists their meaning to substantiate his agenda and confuse Christians.

19. pg. 34, PDL, teaches, “**God won’t ask about your doctrinal views.**”

Scripturally, nothing could be further from the truth.

2 John 9... “He that hath not the doctrine of Christ, hath not God”

2 Timothy 4:3... “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;”

Titus 1:9... “Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.”

Titus 2:1 “But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:”

20. The author of PDL does not believe in “The Gifts of Spirit.

pg. 250, PDL, the author says, **“There are no definitions of the spiritual gifts given in the Bible**, so any definitions are arbitrary and usually represent a denominational bias.”

The Bible defines the spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.” “For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”

21. pg. 285, PDL, the author says, **“Jesus said the details of my return are none of your business.”**

Nothing could be further from the truth. Look at what Jesus taught in Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21. PDL is knowingly contradicting what Jesus said.

22. pg. 286, PDL, the author says, **“focus on fulfilling your mission not trying to figure out prophecy.”** He says prophecy is a diversion that will hurt one from finding his own purpose.

If prophecy is a diversion, why did Jesus and the prophets spend so much time talking about it? The books of Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah, Isaiah, Joel, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, I Thessalonians, Revelation, etc. If it is in the Bible, it is your business. Why doesn't the author of PDL want you to know about Bible prophecy?

23. pg. 285, PDL, says **“God's dream is world peace”**.

Rick Warren has said he is looking for “THE MAN OF PEACE”. Most Christians refer to the Antichrist as THE MAN OF PEACE as described in Daniel 8:23-25... “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and BY PEACE SHALL DESTROY MANY: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.”

1Thessalonians 5:3...“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”

Perhaps the reason the author of the PDL doesn't want you to study Bible prophecy, is so you won't be aware of the warning signs that the Antichrist himself will come as “THE MAN OF PEACE”. He doesn't want you to see any connection to his Global Peace Plan and of the one the prophets prophesied about, that the Antichrist's was going to conquer the world in the name of peace..

We will have peace in the Millennium, but only when Jesus, the Prince of Peace, establishes his throne on earth and brings Peace. The church will not bring peace to the world, only Christ will! God's purpose for the world is that they come to Jesus and receive the gift of eternal life.

24. The author of PDL says, **“Don't oppose what God is blessing”**

Just because their crowds are big and they have plenty of money does not mean they are being blessed by God; otherwise, the Muslims would be the most blessed of all.

25. pg. 136, PDL, **“We are accountable to spiritual leaders”**

The Bible says in Rom 14:12 “So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”

26. pg. 133, PDL, **“A church family identifies you as a genuine believer”**

Many church members don't live for God. The church doesn't save you, Jesus saves. Many even belong to churches that do not believe the basic tenets of the Bible.

John 3:3...“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

27. Rick Warren (PDL) says, **“Stop quarrelling with church leaders”**.

The Bible says we are to live peaceably with our pastors and respect them, but not to the point of tolerating unscriptural doctrines being taught.

Philippians 1:17... “... knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.”

28. pg. 166, PDL, says to **“Rebuke those disrespectful of leadership”**

That is a good and proper teaching unless leadership is teaching error and/or behaving in an ungodly manner.

29. Rick Warren requires all his church members sign a membership covenant to OBEY THE PASTOR and leadership. This is nothing but a revival of the old “Sheparding” Movement where the pastor runs the lives of his church members.

1 Peter 5:3...“Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.”

Acts 5:29 “Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men.”

This PDL movement puts pastors in the position of God. The ministry of a pastor is scriptural and important, but even he is under Christ and subject to Him and His Word. He cannot freelance his own theology when it does not agree with the Bible.

Ephesians 5:23... “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the saviour of the body.”

30. Rick Warren believes in the doctrine of Eternal Security or Once Saved, Always Saved.

Revelation 3:5...“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life.”

Revelation 22:18-19... “And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

31. Let’s think about the implications of the name “PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE.”

A herdersman drives his flocks to go where he wants them to go. Jesus called us sheep. Sheep are led not driven. We need a purpose in life. That purpose is to follow Christ and His Word. We are not to be driven people. Purpose Driven is a business method, not one Jesus taught for how His church should be run. Jesus never drove His disciples. He said, “Follow me”... Luke 9:59.

Romans 8:14-15...“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Psalms 23:2... “he leadeth me beside the still waters.”

32. On May 23, 2005, Rick Warren was a guest speaker at The Pew and Religious Forum. **Here is what he said regarding the fundamentals of Christianity:**

“Today there really aren’t that many Fundamentalists left; I don’t know if you know that or not, but they are such a minority; there aren’t that many Fundamentalists left in America. Now the word “Fundamentalist” actually comes from a document in the 1920’s called The Five Fundamentals of the Faith. And it is a very legalistic, narrow view of Christianity.”

These are The Five Fundamentals of the Faith that he is referring to:

1. The Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ
2. The Virgin Birth
3. The Blood Atonement
4. The Bodily Resurrection
5. The Inerrancy of the Scriptures

Rick Warren says that these fundamentals are “a very legalistic, narrow view of Christianity.” It is apparent that he is determined to re-define Christianity, and lead it away from the precepts of the Bible. The author of the PDL is a Baptist pastor. He has taken a stand against Fundamentalist Christianity, and contrary to fundamentalist Baptist beliefs.

33. He also uses the same “language” as the New Age in his (PDL) book.

On pg. 17, PDL, he quotes from the “new age” message “bible” stating that “everything, absolutely everything above and below (new age terminology)...got started in him.” On p. 31, he quotes New Age leader, Bernie Siegel, who does not believe in the divinity of Christ. Siegel is on the advisory board of another prominent New Age leader. Some of Some of Rick Warren’s advisors and associates are New Age leaders. As a Christian, why would he quote from these men who do not believe in Christ’s divinity?

34. Author Rick Warren's main mentor and architect for the PDL is Peter Drucker. Peter Drucker was into German mysticism and Zen (Zen Buddhism). Why would the man who wants to lead Christianity turn to a man who is into mysticism and Zen to be his mentor and help him architect his book? Drucker's religious roots are completely opposite the teachings of the Bible.

Much of Rick Warren's teachings are about an all inclusive, one hundred percent sovereignty of God. This aligns with the New Age teaching that everything that happens to you "Is meant to be".

35. The PDL movement is totally ecumenical.

Doctrine is not an issue, even if a church ordains homosexuals. (See Sources)

2 John 1:9... "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

II Jn 1:10 "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:"

The U.N. invited Rick Warren to speak to an Interfaith prayer meeting which included Muslims and Buddhists and leaders of every religion, and he accepted.

Question? Why is the U.N. calling a prayer meeting when it is a godless organization? Why would Rick Warren accept the invitation to such a prayer meeting with those of other religions who do not believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the only way to heaven? That defies the First Commandment which says in Exodus 20:3 "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

36. A Time Magazine article said that Rick Warren was going to "transform the churches" into centers to feed the poor; give education and medical treatment.

Feeding the poor, education and medical treatment are good things, but these are not the main purpose of the church. The main purpose of the church is to get people saved and to teach people the Bible on how to live. If Rick Warren wants to do humanitarian, education and medical work, he can build his own buildings and do it, and call it what it is, but he must not "transform the church" from its original purpose by taking over existing churches. A Wall Street Journal article on September 5, 2006, goes on to say that Rick Warren is re-training 400,000 pastors to change their churches to become Purpose Driven Churches. This means that he is attempting to indoctrinate these churches with his unscriptural teachings and change Christianity from meeting the spiritual needs of humanity to becoming a social institution run by secularists. This is a takeover of denominations and Christianity.

37. According to the Wall Street Journal, September 5, 2006, The author's Saddleback Church in California never preaches the wrath of God, hell, or self denial for the gospel's sake. These are Seeker Sensitive churches that deal with people in the psychological areas of living above stress, helping marriages, and self image. Nothing negative is preached. They want people to leave feeling good. They are not challenged to change, except socially. There is no correction; no demand to turn from a life of sin. This movement is so appealing to pastors because it is about church growth.

This is a humanistic gospel based on psychology. It is not a spiritual biblical gospel. People like it because they don't have to change.

38. This same Wall Street Journal article says that Rick Warren is encouraging churches to get away from singing hymns to singing more contemporary songs.

There is nothing wrong with having new, or upbeat Christian songs, but what has happened is that many of these new songs are copying the world's music. Often, a church service sounds and looks more like a worldly Rock Concert. The church is now copying the world and bringing their music into God's house in the name of being relevant. God's house is holy. This is bringing the spirit of the world into the church and defiling God's sanctuary.

James 4:4 says...“friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”

The main issue over what's happening in Christian music is not just style. The old hymns sang about main biblical themes: redemption, salvation; the blood; the Second Coming; heaven; the Savior; the cross, and Jesus. Most of the “new Christian” music hardly, if ever, mentions these vital biblical issues. Jesus name is rarely, if ever, mentioned. The songs are about “God”. In reality, these songs are politically correct because they could be about any god. Because these songs don't mention Jesus, they are not offensive to anyone of any religion. It brings a comfort zone to non-believers. This is conditioning the world to accept a universal religion. This new music is neutralizing Christianity.

39. Fox News Network, earlier this year (2006), aired a special about Rick Warren. The title of the program was, “Is Rick Warren going to Save the World?” Rick Warren never responded to correcting this statement. Only Jesus can save the world. God will not share His glory with another. In this program, he said, that he is going to use the churches to do what the U.N. has failed to do. When Jesus talked about salvation, it was not salvation from poverty , although he has promises to bless us, but the salvation of the soul to prepare us for eternity. Fox News aired this one hour special program at least three times. These were nothing but infomercials promoting his book, PDL. Question? Why would a non-christian news network be promoting Rick Warren?

40. PDL published by Zondervan

It is of significance to note that Zondervan is a subsidiary of Harper-Collins Publishers. Harper-Collins publishes Anton Levy's Satanic Bible. Why would Harper-Collins, the , be interested in publishing the Satanic Bible and have its subsidiary publish The Purpose Driven Life? Where is the common ground?

Acts 20:29-31 “For I know this, that after my departing shall **grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock**. Also of your own selves shall men arise, **speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them**. Therefore watch, and remember,

that by the space of three years **I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.**”

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