The thesis of The Purpose Driven Church is that when churches think first about their health, growth is sure to follow. If your church is healthy, writes Rick Warren, growth will occur naturally. Healthy, consistent growth is the result of balancing the five biblical purposes of the church. These five purposes are to Love the Lord with all your heart, Love your neighbor as yourself, Go and make disciples, [Baptize] them, and [Teach] them to obey. And those purposes can only be accomplished, argues Warren, when church leaders stop thinking about church-building programs and shift their focus to a people-building process involving fellowship, discipleship, worship, and evangelism. Warren, the founder of the fastest-growing Baptist church in American history, has taught seminars to thousands of pastors from all over the world, many of whom have successfully implemented his techniques.

The Purpose-Driven Church: Growth Without Compromising Your Message & Mission by Rick Warren is like a outline on how to grow a happy, healthy church. According to the author a healthy church is a growing church. Warren outlines five biblical purposes of the church. The first two is as Jesus said Love the Lord with all your heart and all your soul, Love your neighbor as yourself, than Go and make disciples, after which Baptize them and finally Teach them to obey.

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