



Salvation Planning Guide

“Through salvation our past has been forgiven, our present is given meaning, and our future is secured,” Rick Warren.

Salvation is a well-worn Christian term. We think we know what it means. But biblically speaking, salvation is one of those big terms that encircle a number of others, each of them reflecting a stunning facet of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

As a Christian, I believe according to the Bible that salvation requires:

Belief & Faith

Repentance

Confession

Baptism

By taking these steps by the Grace of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit while on Earth until human death, and while in Heaven, spiritual life for eternity.

However, salvation is only the first step. Jason Cater, Pastor of Worship Ministries of Village Church of Gurnee, Illinois, suggests there are seven responsible actions plus one by me to do while on earth:

Pray

Read and know the Bible

Worship

Stewardship

Serve (Minister)

Witness (Evangelize)

Fellowship (identification with the body)

Avoid divorce, cohabitate, pornography or any additive habit.

Weekly Daily Prayer Schedule Example

Day/TOPIC

Sunday/RELATIONSHIP with GOD

For a close daily walk with the Lord, denying ourselves daily, taking up our crosses and following Him, Mark 8:34-38.

For constant nurture through God's word, Colossians 3:16.

For death to sin and living for God, Roman's 6:10-11.

That God would rise up laborers for the harvest.

Monday/MINISTRY

For receptive hearts, Matthew 13:1-9.
For ministry opportunities and boldness to seize them

Tuesday/SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL, AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS

These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need, Matthew 6:32-33.

For good health

For God's comfort in times of loneliness, discouragement, depression, or tragedy

Wednesday/ FAMILY, Ephesians 5:18 to 6:5.

For a strong marriage or single life.

For good relationships for children.

For relationships with family members at home.

Father: the head of the family, servant leader, love

Mother: submission. Homemaker, helper, respect

Children: honor parents

Parents: train up children according to their bent, Proverbs 22:6.

Thursday/ COMMUNICATION

Speak the truth in love, Ephesians 4:15 & 29.

Control the tongue, James 3:8.

Use language and culture effectively.

Friday/ COUNTRY

Open doors for missionaries, Colossians 4:2-4.

Freedom of movement for missionary.

That the nations would seek after God, even grope for Him and FIND Him, Acts

17:27.

God would save people from every tribe, nation, and race, Rev 5:9 10.

Saturday/ WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

With peers and coworkers.

With missionary agency, church, for management for lay people. Titus 2:9.

With nationals or customers, Matthew 5:13- 15.

Second-Half Ministry Prayer Commitment

You are invited to participate in one of the most important aspects of ministry. You can do so by setting aside a period of time to intercede on behalf of second-halfers. Our hope is that this prayer ministry might continue for years to come by your dedication to help make a difference:

Heavenly Father,

Help us Submit to what gives You satisfaction

Help us Inspire a life of integrity, purpose and significance

Help us Identify our unique gifts and strengths for You

Help us Reach out to those who are spiritually lost

Help us Pray with faith and pure motives

Help us Volunteer our time and talents

Help us Study and practice the Bible

Help us Lead with a servant's heart

Help us Maintain a humble attitude

Help us Guard against worldliness
Help us Love others as ourselves
Help us Complain about nothing
Help us Match faith with deeds
Help us Care for those in need
Help us Make Your will our will
Help us Persevere under trial
Help us Connect with others
Help us Control our tongue
Help us Draw close to You
Help us Affirm each other
In the name of the Trinity,
Amen

Second-Half Ministry Declaration

You are invited to sign this personal and private declaration with your Savior:

Today I am stepping across the line. I'm tired of waffling and I'm finished with wavering. I've made my choice; the verdict is in and my decision is irrevocable. I'm going God's way. There is no turning back. I will live the rest of my life serving God's purposes, with God's people, on God's planet, for God's glory. I will use my life to celebrate His presence, cultivate his character, participate in his family, demonstrate his love, and communicate his Word.

Since my past has been forgiven, and I have a purpose for living and a home waiting in heaven, I refuse to waste any more time or energy on shallow living, petty thinking, trivial talking, thoughtless doing, useless regretting,

hurtful resenting, or faithless worrying. Instead I will magnify God, grow to maturity, serve in ministry, and fulfill my mission in the membership of his family.

Because this life is preparation for the next, I will value worship over wealth, “we” over “me,” character over comfort, service over status and people over possessions, position, and pleasure. I know what matters most and I will give it all I’ve got. I will do the best I can with what I have for Jesus Christ today. I won’t be captivated by culture, manipulated by critics, motivated by praise, frustrated by problems, debilitated by temptation, or intimidated by the devil. I’ll keep running my race with my eyes on the goal; not on the sidelines or on those running by me.

When times get tough and I get tired, I won’t back up, back off, back down, back out, or backslide. I’ll just keep moving forward by God’s grace. I’m Spirit led, purpose-driven, and mission-focused, so I can’t be bought. I will not be compromised, and I shall not quit until I finish the race.

I’m a trophy of God’s amazing grace so I will be gracious to everyone, grateful for every day, and generous with everything that God entrusts to me. I am a radical in the original sense of the word: rooted in Christ, rooted in love, and rooted in his Word. I hereby declare my supreme allegiance to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I say this: However, whenever, wherever, and whatever you ask me to do, my answer is yes! I’m ready. Anytime. Anyway. Whatever it takes, Lord; whatever it takes! I want to be used by You in such a way that on that final day I’ll hear you say, “Well done,

good and faithful one. Come on in and let the eternal party begin!”

Signature

Date

(This is only between you and your Savior)

The fact is that God gave us thirty more years of life for a reason. In my opinion the Bible tells us that elderhood is meant to lead us to accomplish the following:

The Ten Commandments

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor,” Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV).

The Building of His Church Commission

“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it,” Matthew 16:18 (NIV).

The Great Commandment

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with your entire mind...Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments,” Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV).

. With the stock market so uncertain, I can recommend no other investment paying a better return, the Holy Spirit and Eternity. “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you,” Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV).

The Stewardship Commandment

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving,” Colossians 3:23–24 (NIV).

The Longevity Response-Ability Commission

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever **[YOUNG and OLD]** believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life,” John 3:16 (NIV). 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV) declares “...grace is sufficient for all your **[RELEVANT]** needs.”

Rejoice & Give Thanks Commandment

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus,” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Trust in God Commandment

“It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man,” Psalms 118.8 (NKJV).

In addition, help with the following urgent issues:

A Salvation and Stewardship second-half plan

Adult wellness and caring:

Communication

Fall prevention

Mental issues

Nutritional issues

Physical issues

Sexuality issues

Sleep issues

Social issues

Spiritual issues

AD and other dementia

Cultivation of an inter-generational culture

Death and dying preparation

Effective disciple-making

Establishment of a system to have meaningful contact with those leaving full-time employment and six months thereafter

Evangelism to the unchurched

Grandparenting

Helping oneself and others finish extremely well

Individual lay ministry leadership philosophy

New beginnings and positive longevity
attitude of nurturing

Practicing stewardship and service:

A benevolent and generous lifestyle

Volunteering and working alongside
gifted second-half pastors

Longevity Response-Ability Crusade

USA Mission Harvest Campaign

Second Half of Life Prayer and
Commitment

Sunday Flags Day

The above opportunities to serve are only
the tip of the iceberg for your investment in
eternity

Death and Dying

The second half of life includes both the
fulfillment age (a time of a more caring life) and
the completion age (a time of integration:
polishing of, coming to terms with life,
acceptance of eternity).

In the fulfillment age, you need to complete
three essential family needs: an estate plan, an
executor document locator and a funeral plan.

The completion age is possibly the least
understood and most feared, because of our
reluctance to think about death (discuss, pray
or study what the Bible reassures).

As knowledge of the issues of death and
dying is increased and positive attitudes are
promoted, support of giving care will improve. It
is important to help the dying person through
the transition that leads to the ultimate peaceful
moment of death.

In 1993, K. J. Doka identified three spiritual needs of the dying:

Search for the Meaning of Life

To die appropriately

Hope that extends beyond the grave

The search for the meaning of life is different for everyone. My personal ISM: It's all about Him and investing in eternity.

In 2009, B. M. Dossey and L. Keegan identified appropriate dying factors to help the person pass to a peaceful death:

Gather family and friends

Keeping vigil at the dying person's bed

Touch

Hold

Talk

Reassure them of the hope and faith that extends beyond the grave

Continue to communicate with family and other caregivers supporting dying person

Shut the half closed eyes of the dying person, hug and stroke the physical body, and adjust the head on the pillow for the last time.

Key Takeaways

Complete your personal salvation

Discovering His plan for you. For me the following scriptures outlines His plan for me:

The Ten Commandments
Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)

The Building of His Church Commission
Matthew 16:18 (NIV)

The Great Commandment
Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

The Great Commission
Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

The Stewardship Commandment
Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

The Longevity Response-Ability
Commission John 3:16 (NIV)/ 2
Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

Rejoice & Give Thanks Commandment
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Trust in God Commandment
Psalms 118.8 (NKJV)

Pray for His strength to booster my
courage

Read and study the reassurances in the
Bible

Let family know my desires in dying. This
will be reassuring to me and help them with
the healing process and better prepare
them for their own passing one day

Provide loved ones an estate plan, an
executor document locator and a funeral
plan.

Encourage your Church to facilitate the
process.