

2025 Guard Your Steps and Focus when you enter the House of the Lord

**Exercise Your Faith. Believe for More. Purpose full.**

What are you born for? What are we born for? What is this city and these people born for?

If you have destiny, you have purpose.

We speak and say there is always more in God. There is always more! If there is always more, will we ever be satisfied in God?

Contentment derives from godliness.

**Psalm 16:11**

“You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

**Psalm 17:13-15**

**1 Timothy 6:3-10 ESV**

and NLT

“<sup>3</sup> Some people may contradict our teaching, but these are the wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. These teachings promote a godly life. <sup>4</sup> Anyone who teaches something different is arrogant and lacks understanding. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions. <sup>5</sup> These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy.

<sup>6</sup> Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. <sup>7</sup> After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. <sup>8</sup> So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

<sup>9</sup> But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

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What are you born for? Are you doing it?

What are we born for? Are we doing it?

What is this city and these people born for? Are they seeing it?

If you have destiny, you have purpose.

To see us and this city walk into and experience what they are born for in God. It may mean giving up what you believe you are born for, for them.

“No greater love than lay down one’s life for his friends”

- Purpose spurns from intimacy

- Purpose makes sacrifice not so painful, but what needs to be done for the vision’s purpose.

- Purpose initiates identity. Each member of Bulls team purpose

- **Michael Jordan (Shooting Guard):** The undisputed leader and primary scorer. As the team’s focal point, he possessed unstoppable mid-range scoring, elite isolation play, and lockdown perimeter defense.
- **Scottie Pippen (Small Forward):** The ultimate two-way playmaker and co-captain. Pippen ran the offense as a point-forward, guarded the opponent’s best player, and served as the team’s secondary scorer and primary facilitator.
- **Dennis Rodman (Power Forward):** The greatest rebounder of his era. His role was to crash the glass, defend opposing big men, and bring defensive tenacity without needing to score.
- **Luc Longley (Center):** A traditional, physical 7-foot-2 center who set bruising screens, protected the rim, and gave the Bulls essential height against teams like the Utah Jazz and Indiana Pacers.
- **Ron Harper (Point Guard):** A converted scorer who became a defensive stopper, ball-handler, and connector to keep the offense flowing smoothly.

- **Toni Kukoč (Small Forward/Power Forward):** The highly skilled "sixth man" and playmaker. His role was to create scoring opportunities, stretch the floor with outside shooting, and lead the bench unit.
- **Steve Kerr (Point Guard):** A specialist sharpshooter whose only role was to space the floor and knock down clutch, open three-pointers when teams collapsed on Jordan and Pippen.

- Purpose is what you are dedicated to. What you are dedicated to is what you will become.

What is your temple set apart for?  
What is your temple dedicated for?

Whatever is the purpose of your body will therefore be the purpose of your life.

He calls us to be the temple of the Holy Ghost, now.

*Brandy* - It's not dedicated to be the temple of another idol. It's not dedicated to be the temple of another false god. It's not dedicated to be the temple of money. It's not dedicated to be the temple for carnality. It's not dedicated to be filled with the pleasures or comforts of the world. You and your body have been dedicated to hold and host the Holy God as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

This should bring purpose to your soul to fulfill.

We won't stay normal for comfort. Or yearn for normal contentment. Carnal comfort. Carnal contentment. These spurn from the lust of eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life. Purposeful pursuit of these desires can be accomplished, but are only temporarily satisfied in the soul.

## **2 Timothy 2:4**

Do not be entangled in civilian affairs. What is your purpose? Must always be able to easily release and be flexible to pursue that mission.