



From the youth to the corporate world, **Thurl Bailey** inspires others to win, whatever the odds or disappointments. Master storyteller and accomplished speaker, he inspires companies and individuals to focus on what matters most, to persevere and build winning teams, encourage peak performance, develop leadership, and discover opportunity in change. Thurl Bailey leads a busy life as a professional speaker, singer and songwriter, businessman, community advocate and game analyst for the Utah Jazz and the University of Utah Men's Basketball. Thurl Bailey is retired from professional basketball, having ended his professional basketball career with an encore season in 2001.

Twice Thurl Bailey has led teams from far behind to win national championships. Because of his outstanding leadership skills and the quality of his character, as well as his impressive basketball skills, the Utah Jazz drafted Thurl as the 1983 seventh overall pick of the NBA Draft. In his sixteen-year professional basketball career, Mr. Bailey spent twelve years in the NBA, and four years playing overseas in Italy and Greece. His courtesy and integrity both on and off the court and his strong sense of community service have led to numerous civic awards and earned him the nickname "NBA's Mr. Nice Guy."

When first meeting Thurl Bailey, audiences notice a tall (6' 11") athlete. But he is a man of as much depth as height. Thurl Bailey is a gifted inspirational singer and songwriter. His first album, Faith In Your Heart, (released in 2000) was a best seller. His second album, The Gift of Christmas, released the following year, experienced successful record sales. His CD, I'm Not The Same, is a selection of uplifting R & B tunes. Among his many musical awards are the 2000 Pearl...

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### Speech Topics

- Youth
- Sports
- Motivation

