

Thankfulness

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There are many qualities that people have, the quality that I'm thankful for is my courageous personality. There was this one time that I was competing in a kickboxing and jiu jitsu tournament. Last year I did not win the jiu jitsu and kickboxing regionals so I had to win ASAP. First It was jiu jitsu. I was losing 13 points and he had the better position. I was never meant to lose, I knew that. SO with my courageous personality I didn't give up, I swept him and got the better position, then I locked him in a guillotine. (a choke from standing) and did the choke on him. He tapped and I won the first round. The second and third round the competitors were light so it was easy, but the finals oh no. The match started with both of us standing, He tried to grab my legs but I pushed my legs back. Then without a second to think he slammed into me and I lost my balance. Now my secret plan kicks in, COURAGE. I knew this would happen, so I dropped to my knees, but he's still ramming into me so I move to the side he falls and I get the guillotine. I won first place, now it's time for kickboxing. First round the opponent saw the last round, so he knows I'm pumped. He does light movements and fakes me into him punching me so hard I almost started to fall, I think to myself.. This is only the first round... I CANNOT LOSE NOW! And I went through the pain and I punched him so hard that he started crying. This was allowed but he got carried away and started hitting to the face. This is not allowed so when the judges picked the contestant who won, they picked me. PHEW! That round was tough. The 2nd round he was a wimp, he had no courage, so I swept him like a fly. The final round though, hehe that was hard. This was the best person out of my group, so I really had to push my limits. I have been doing this all this time but now I have to pump it EVEN further. My courage needs to be unpredictable in some way also. Final round starts NOW. I shake his hand and we go. He is bulky, he's as hard as a stone. I think to myself, if I keep punching... I will lose my hands! He hits me with a tap and I go flying. This is when I have to unleash courage! This all happens so fast...It was like a movie ...like my favorite scene from dragon ball. I charge in so fast that he doesn't know I'm there and hits me so hard he gets knocked out of the ring! But it's not over yet, there was still 1:15 minutes on the clock, all I had to do was to keep pushing that strength,speed,timing and courage. That happened so fast, the next thing you know I'm standing in front of my instructor with 22 gold medals. I was so proud of myself..that I reached such an accomplishment. Not all have the courage of a tiger. By the time I go back into training, I feel stronger...mentally and physically.

It's ok to make mistakes but you need to be thankful for your qualities. With no qualities, you will lose your grasp and suffer in an empty void.

Courage starts with showing up and letting yourself be seen by the people who think they will win.

-Jacob