

Qualities I am Thankful For...

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and so it's good to start remembering and pondering everything that the special holiday is all about. Maybe those themes of Thanksgiving are those of family, togetherness, and thankfulness. Something everyone should be lingering on is what they are thankful for. When most people think of thankfulness and what they are grateful to have, they probably don't think about what they are thankful for in themselves. That's what I'm here to write about. I'm here to ponder the qualities within myself, the qualities that I should be thankful for.

I can gather a few qualities that I am thankful for, although I can't say it's easy to come up with them. The first quality that I'm thankful to have is my ability to listen to others, whether it's in a time of need, if someone is making an argument on a heavy topic that needs awareness, or if someone just wants to talk about something they like, but can't find anyone who's willing to give up their time to actually listen. I quite like listening to other people tell stories that they witnessed first hand or just talk about their special interests, especially when you see the happy expression on their face after finding someone who will pay attention. I also like being able to help people by listening if they need to just let out lots of bad feelings they may have or talk about something making them upset. Another quality I'm grateful for is my ability to persevere through things even when they get tough. An example I can use is how I've recently moved from Brooklyn to Long Island with my family. It's a long drive, and traffic, getting up early and getting home late, and weather make the process of commuting back and forth a hassle. Even so, my parents, my uncle, my sister, and I all work our best to get through this last school year so I can graduate in this same school and start anew in high school. Without my ability to persevere, I wouldn't still be in the school I'm in now. One last quality that I'm thankful to have is my funniness. My friends tend to tell me a lot that I'm really funny and they often laugh at my jokes. I also get nice comments like those from family members. I also use this quality in an attempt to cheer up my friends whenever they're upset. It makes me happy to know that using this quality, I can make things easier and better for the people around me when given the chance.

With Thanksgiving nearing, we should all reflect on what we're grateful for. These things can be things around us like our environment or just the people we have with us. But we can also be thankful for the qualities within us, the qualities we can use to help others. For me, those qualities are being able to listen to others, being able to persevere through hardships, and being funny, which can be used to help people. Without these qualities, I wouldn't be where I am today, nor would I be the kind of person I am today. When I think about what life would be like if I didn't have these qualities, I get relieved that I do have them. On that note, I am left with three wonderful qualities that I cherish a lot and that I am extremely grateful for: attentiveness/understanding, steadfastness, and comicality.