## This I Believe

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 I believe that hard work gives me the power to persevere my dreams in succeeding to be a great basketball player one day. That one day, I will be satisfied with what I can do in the basketball court and get to teach some of my skills to people who are interested in basketball too. I want to be an inspiration to other basketball players, mostly to the young ones. Tell them that it requires practice and dedication to be a great player. I want them to know that all the hard work pays off.

 It all started when I was 5 years old. I was watching TV and my uncle suddenly changed it to basketball. I used to hate basketball, I would always think that it’s boring, just running up and down the court. In fact, I wanted to be an entertainer when I was young. One day, I was so curious about what gets people in to watching basketball games. So I forced myself to watch a basketball game, it turned out good and it wasn’t that bad after all.

 I tried the moves and the shot forms from the game I watched. From then on, I dedicated my time to basketball. Every morning, I would go to the nearest court and practice for hours by myself. I shot the ball over and over and over again until I could be satisfied with my shots. I dribbled until I could master it without looking at the ball. I kept training until I got addicted to basketball.

 As I got older, I understood basketball real well. I started loving the game more and more. I worked harder every time I fail, and it made me a better basketball player. I learned that it is not about how bad you want it, but it’s about how hard you’re willing to work for it. This I believe that hard work gives me the power to be a better basketball player.