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Basketball dreams

There is more to life than basketball; however, the things that motivate me in basketball can help me in other areas of life. Basketball is like a whole different life when you step on the court. It's a feeling that's indescribable. You step on the court and hear everyone, people you don't know and people you do know. You don't know whether they're judging you or praising you.

When the tip off starts, you get nervous butterflies. The ball gets tipped your way, you have the ball. You dribble the ball, then shoot and miss. It's the most miserable thing ever. At the end you lose; you feel like you let everyone down. Sometimes I think it's good to lose. You can learn from your mistakes and realize no matter how good you are, someone out there is practicing to be better than you. That doesn't mean you should stop believing. Never stop praying because God will answer.

Chris Paul, a professional basketball player, keeps practicing and never lets someone say he can't succeed. He has said that you're never too short or too slow. This is one of my favorite quotes because I feel he is speaking to me because a lot of people have told me I'm too short or too slow. I have never given up and I worked hard to be a starting player. I have scored 18, 15, and 11 in games all in one year. Sure some games have not been the best, but I still work hard to get better and better.

What I think aiming high means is wanting to be number one, not in the top three. Also, wanting to try your best every time. To sum it up, never stop aiming high no matter what stands in your way.