

THE EXTRA POINT

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524 11 Powerful Quotations from The World of Sports

What can we learn from the wisdom of folks in the sport world? I'm Jerry Roberts and today, some notable things I think are worth remembering. That's next on The Extra Point.

I've read some of the famous things said by athletes but I've never focused an entire post or commentary on what these sports luminaries have left for history.

Let's do that today and see if we find something worth grabbing onto in these 11 quotations.

1. "Life is meant to be a challenge, because challenges make you grow." Boxing champion and politician Manny Pacquiao.
2. "I am the greatest. I said that even before I knew I was. Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion." That means pay the price for greatness. Muhammad Ali.
3. San Francisco 49er great Jerry Rice had this gem: "Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't." Again, it's about paying the price for what you want.
4. Derek Jeter, former baseball star and now a team owner, said: "There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do." It's truly the one thing you can control.
5. Former baseball player Tim Lincecum had this: "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." The funny thing is, many people with great talent somehow think all they have to do is just show up. That's so wrong.

John Maxwell wrote a book entitled *Talent is Never Enough*. Having great talent is wonderful. Having a great work ethic is what determines champions in any field.
6. "Ability is what you're capable of doing.

Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." The words of Lou Holtz, former football coach at Notre Dame.

7. "The most valuable player is the one that makes the most players valuable." That's Super Bowl winning quarterback Peyton Manning. Who do you know who finds a way to get the best out of others?
8. Bodybuilder, actor, and former politician Arnold Schwarzenegger once said: "Remember, you can't climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets."
9. "Life is too short to sit around and hold grudges." Kobe Bryant.
10. "I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over in my life...and that is why I succeed." Michael Jordan, on why pushing and failing is so important. If we don't ever fail, it means we don't ever push ourselves beyond our comfort zone and go after a big goal.
11. "Talent is God-given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful." Words from UCLA basketball coach John Wooden.

Put all 11 of those quotes together and there's a lot of good information for living right, and making dreams come true.

That's The Extra Point. Get out there and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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