

Laws of Life Essay

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One key character trait that I have come to value among all others is determination. This trait became important to me few years ago, when my grandma (who took care of me while my mum went to work) was admitted to the hospital, and I witnessed my mum hopping from one hospital to another trying to get a doctor to attend to her at the emergency ward. I really didn't get why no one was attending to her. In the evening when my mum returned home, I asked her if she finally got a doctor, she said yes but it was too late, in my young mind I was furious, why did she have to die just because there was no doctor? I promised my mum and myself that no one in my family will die just because there was no doctor available. So, I set my goal then and there and decided to work towards becoming a doctor in future.

To me determination means having the drive and willingness to work hard towards becoming a doctor to help my family, the community and the people who need me no matter who or where they are. This journey involves setting a clear goal and taking small steps towards achieving it, even when faced with obstacles or setbacks.

My first task was to get moving and improve my grades, which hasn't been easy. I sometimes study for tests deep at night, complete challenging homework and strive to improve on my grades.

I am naturally shy or maybe weird and my confidence level is very low, so it's been difficult, the fear of been ridiculed and rejected by my mates if I score low grades was one obstacle I needed to overcome.

These thoughts always run through my mind: But what if I got the question wrong? What if asking the teacher to explain the concept again made me look dumb? My classmates would instantly reject me if I seemed so. These thoughts are thoughts that make me depressed. I shared my feelings with my mum once about my issue and all she told me was to avoid and forget people's opinions because no matter how hard I tried to please everyone, some people may still think bad of me. This advice although was not what I expected, her words were short but made utmost sense to me. My grades were not so great, but I was not discouraged by my failure and all I could think of was how to make it better next time, so I kept trying. Now my grades have skyrocketed. I take joy in great work done and I know my parents and teachers are proud of me.

I know determination involves perseverance in the face of challenges. It means not giving up when things get difficult or when mistakes are made, but instead using these experiences as opportunities to learn and grow. These are lessons I have learnt and intend to consistently follow for the rest of my life.

I have a major international exam in April, my goal is to get distinctions in all three subjects- English, Mathematics and science. I am working diligently towards it and my readiness level is high. No matter the outcome I know I will use it as an experience and opportunity to learn to grow and

finally become what I want to be in future. It means having a positive attitude and staying focused on the end goal, even when progress is slow, or setbacks occur.

Ultimately, determination is an important quality for me to develop as I navigate the challenges of adolescence and prepare for the transition to high school. By cultivating determination, I can develop the skills and mindset needed to succeed in all areas of my life.