From “The Man in the Arena” by Theodore Roosevelt

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

Vocab:

Deeds: an intentional act; getting something done
Valiantly: courageous, done bravely
Errs: to make a mistake
Shortcoming: failing, falling short of your goal, a flaw
Timid: a lack of self-confidence or courage

After reading this passage to yourself one time, in a sentence or two, write down your first impression, reaction to this quote.

After hearing the story behind the quote, now what do you think about it?

After reading the passage a second time, did your opinion change? Why or Why not? (Be specific)
Our Deepest Fear Quote

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate, our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light not our darkness that most frightens us. Your playing small does not serve the world, there is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We were all meant to shine as children do; it’s not just in some of us it’s in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated by our own fears, our presence automatically liberates others.

Sir, I just want to say thank you...you saved my life”

From the movie Coach Carter http://youtu.be/2_fDhqRk_Ro

Vocab:

**Inadequate**: not enough or not good enough

**Enlightened**: coming to a great understanding, clarity of a goal

**Liberated**: released from something that binds us, holds us down, etc.

After reading this passage to yourself, in a sentence or two, write down your first impression, or reaction to this quote.

After watching the video of the person saying this quote, did you come away with anything different? Why? Or, why not? (Please be specific)

Where do you think a statement like this would be used the best? Why? (Please be specific)