

Heart of an Athlete – September 2012

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Hometown: Cary, Illinois
School: Drake University
Sport: Football



Chosen Attribute: Perseverance

What is your personal definition of this word?

The choice to continue and go through, even when suffering is inevitable.

What are some of your favorite quotes from other people about this word?

“By perseverance the snail reached the ark.” Charles Spurgeon

What is your favorite Biblical passage that deals with this characteristic?

Not only so, but we also glory in our suffering, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character hope.

Romans 5:3-4

Why did you choose that particular passage?

Because it shows what is gained by persevering through sufferings.

Please give an application/example of this word in your life.

There have been many times in my life where I would have liked to have given into my doubts. In my athletic career, I have come across many people who have told me I couldn't do something...start in high school, play Division 1 Football, Make an NFL roster... and I've been tempted to believe them. It would be easier for me to believe them. It is a fight to continue to believe in myself. What keeps me believing is that I know the God I love is unstoppable, and has better plans for me than I could ever imagine, and he believes in me. If that includes playing professional football, it would be a waste for me to stop working hard, playing hard and giving my life to this sport that he has blessed me with.

How do you apply this word in your sport?

Football is a tough game. It beats our body and your will down the best it can. Whether it's fall two-a-days, summer conditioning at 5:00am, or game day, it is hard to make it in this sport if you are incapable of persevering.

How did you first become involved in FCA?

My friend Sam and I decided that Drake would be an awesome place to start an FCA, so we did. Our group has grown to around 30 people who genuinely want to know God more.

How active within FCA are you?

I lead it along with Sam.

What is your athletic experience?

2 year starter at Drake, all-conference.