

## Celebrate Who You Are

Recently my son and I have been teasing each other on who is a better shooter in basketball and who can dribble the ball better, and I shared my story with him.

I picked up the game at 13 but was never properly trained till I was 17-18. Because of my lack of fundamentals I was never good at dribbling and this affected my role as a playmaker of my junior college team. I ran the point guard position and that meant I was supposed to read the game, call the tactics into play, dribble well, create the opportunities and make the right passes.

My poor dribbling was my achilles heel but I could shoot the ball very well. I could run around the court, receive the ball and then make my shots at a high percentage without dribbling the ball. Till this day my junior college teammates and I would still occasionally talk about my 2 consecutive shots that pulled us away during the finals and won our championship.

My poor dribbling was always my frustration and it hardly improved though I worked on it. What I didn't recognize was, I was working on my weakness instead of knowing, refining and celebrating my strength.

It was only in recent years that when I was following the NBA closely that I saw the NBA community celebrate a sharp shooter, Klay Thomson. Part of his claim to fame was that he was unique in that he could ace the ball at a high percentage with hardly any

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dribbling! I was beating myself up wrong instead of celebrating who I really was on the basketball court.

- Maybe you are a great CFO but not a CEO caliber,
- Maybe you are an entrepreneur and the big corporation isn't your stage,
- Maybe an institution is your platform, not entrepreneurship,
- Maybe your academic degree is completely irrelevant to your true vocation, or
- Maybe you haven't found your place in your Family Business.

Whichever it is, playing on a stage that isn't meant for us will always lead to puny results. Understand your uniqueness, find or build that platform and you'll have less regret.

My regrets in basketball is a small thing, but a wrong vocation would be misery.

And, the truth is, my son dribbles the ball much better than me.

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