

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was, as most know, a leader in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. He had many traits which made him a good leader, but his exceptional courage and determination to continue his cause even after multiple hardships and physical attacks is what I admire most about him. He was spit on, attacked by police, jailed, and even stabbed which almost led to his death; however, he did not stop his crusade to bring equality to all. Although many no longer face these extreme problems, the courage and determination to move forward through adversity help to improve the school environment, our community, and the world as a whole.

Every student has things which affect their ability to succeed in school. These may be different for every person, but those who are able to face their problems head on are able to make a difference in their school and among their fellow students. Courage to speak up when something isn't fair improves the lives of others and makes it easier for them to be successful.

As we graduate and move into the real world and on to bigger things, the problems we face become more significant and require more determination to overcome. The changes which can be made by not giving up on what is right will spread and make a positive change to those in our community.

Humankind has overcome many things and this has taken the courage and determination of people just like Dr. King. A single person can change the entire world by being steadfast in their beliefs and the courage to act on them.

In conclusion, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." This quote sums up the most important traits of his leadership and life. I know if I follow this same doctrine in my life I can make just as much of an impact on my school, community, and the world as Dr. King did back in the sixties.