

Fight One More Round

Prizefighter James J. Corbett made many memorable statements during his colorful career, but perhaps his most famous was when he was asked, “What is the most important thing for a man to do to become a champion?”

Corbett replied, “Fight one more round.”

Many successful people have had that perspective.

- Thomas Gray wrote 75 drafts of *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard* before he was satisfied with his poetic masterpiece.
- S. N. Behrman, an American playwright, wrote plays for 11 years before he sold one.
- Somerset Maugham earned only \$500 in his first 10 years as a writer.
- While working fulltime in a factory, Enrico Caruso studied voice for 12 years before he became a successful performer.
- George Gershwin composed almost 100 melodies before he sold his first one – for \$5.
- During his first five years as a writer, Zane Grey couldn’t sell a single story.

So, don’t be discouraged if your dream doesn’t come true immediately. Continue to pursue your craft or talent. Study and learn. Grow by experience. Keep working.

Often, I find that some of Life Care’s top leadership began as certified nursing assistants, or worked in housekeeping, or started in an activities department. But they had dreams to follow.

Remember: The victory goes to those who are willing to fight “one more round.”

– Beecher Hunter