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Don't be afraid if things seem difficult in the beginning. That's only the initial impression. The important thing is not to retreat; you have to master yourself.

~Olga Korbut

Its better to have a rich soul than to be rich.

~Olga Korbut

This ability to conquer oneself is no doubt the most precious of all things sports bestows.

~Olga Korbut

I'd been ready too, because before Olympic Games, I wasn't compete in big competition like, World Championship, like European Championship. I just competed in national competition.

~Olga Korbut

And from that nineteen sixty four, this was my goal to go to Olympic Games. And I realized what does it mean, Olympic Games, like big celebration.

~Olga Korbut

Anyway I will go same road because I, I was born in gymnastics. This is my, how to say, my life and my duty.

~Olga Korbut

I am not interested in medals or titles. I dont need them. I need the love of the public and I fight for it.

~Olga Korbut

And, in nineteen seventy two Olympic Games I wasn't really going to be a star, and overnight I became a star.

~Olga Korbut

But let me do I will show the world what gymnastics looks like. Well may be this is a future gymnastics.

~Olga Korbut

How many people in the world is, each of them is individual. And I like to eat bread, somebody don't like that. You know this is the same in gymnastics.

~Olga Korbut

I would say this is not negative this is h, a hard part in gymnastics. You can't eat, whatever you want to eat. And what kind of meal you're supposed to have, you can't.

~Olga Korbut

And I suggested to change very simple way to Olympic Games, in one competition, two different levels. Separate from, until sixteen, and after sixteen years old.

~Olga Korbut

But, I couldn't live without creation gymnastics.

~Olga Korbut

Finally I almost dropped gymnastics because I couldn't live without create, and you know, and then, all public in the world start to say, we don't want to see gymnastics without Olga.

~Olga Korbut

I think I spent all my life in gymnastics. And if you will ask me I want to change something in your past life, no. I will go same.

~Olga Korbut

The important thing is not to retreat; you have to master yourself.

~Olga Korbut

If there has not been such a thing as gymnastics, I would have had to invent it because I feel at one with the sport.

~Olga Korbut

Up to nineteen seventy six when I quit gymnastics I was very, disappointed because I didn't have anything which is, live with. I didn't have a friend so I didn't have a coach anymore.

~Olga Korbut

Life is marvelous now because I have a tape recorder.

~Olga Korbut

I think if I wasn't in very high level, I never will be in the team. Cause I was high, in very high level.

~Olga Korbut

I've never wanted to be anything but a gymnast. Maybe it is dangerous-but when you start thinking about danger, you might as well give up.

~Olga Korbut

Thank god, and now all I have are, twenty one years together, in January and, you know, I, you know I forgot this all about things. And anyway the first place is good thing.

~Olga Korbut

I am a great realist in all aspects of life. Whatever I can do ... here it is.

~Olga Korbut

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