

# Sheryl Swoopes Quotes

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No matter how far life pushes you down, no matter how much you hurt, you can always bounce back.

~Sheryl Swoopes

Be positive and work hard. I think it's possible to overcome anything, if you're willing to work at it.

~Sheryl Swoopes

If you do not believe yourself no one else will.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I've always been a firm believer in mind over matter. If you don't believe you can achieve, your body will start to believe this and you'll be stuck.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I always believe someone somewhere is working harder than me and that motivates me to work harder, give 100%.

~Sheryl Swoopes

It didn't matter how good I was. It was always, 'You're a girl. You can't play with the guys.' It's always been motivation for me.

~Sheryl Swoopes

Players don't really ask for much or want much. But the things that they do need are important.

~Sheryl Swoopes

Women play just as hard as guys do. We're just as competitive.

~Sheryl Swoopes

As a result of Title IX, and a new generation of parents who want their daughters to have the opportunities they never had, women's sports have arrived.

~Sheryl Swoopes

Being gay has nothing to do with the three gold medals or the three MVPs or the four championships I've won. I'm still the same person. I'm Sheryl.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I want to show kids, look where I came from. You can do it too if you believe and are willing to work hard.

~Sheryl Swoopes

You have to be positive, and I'm not just talking about athletics, this also applies to life.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I like to see people doubt me.

~Sheryl Swoopes

...as far as self-discipline goes, it's still ultimately up to me how well I can push myself. Only I can do that. I just have to keep on going, keep on working, keep on improving.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I can't help who I fall in love with. No one can.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I didn't grow up thinking, 'Oh, maybe someday I'm going to have a shoe named after me.'

~Sheryl Swoopes

For me, honestly, it's not about individual accomplishments, individual award. It's about what I've got to do and how I can contribute to the team.

~Sheryl Swoopes

Sexuality and gender don't change anyone's performance on the court.

~Sheryl Swoopes

Every level that I have ever competed on, I have risen to the top.

~Sheryl Swoopes

To me, the most important thing is happiness.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I had never made any plans beyond basketball.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I never thought a basketball shoe would be named after a woman, let alone me.

~Sheryl Swoopes

There are so many women out there relying on me to represent them.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I'm tired of having to hide my feelings about the person I care about. About the person I love.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I don't think it's tough to get there mentally. Your mind is saying, 'You know how to do this.' But your body doesn't always respond.

~Sheryl Swoopes

My reason for coming out isn't to be some sort of hero.

~Sheryl Swoopes

Some people might say my coming out after just winning the MVP award is heroic, and I understand that.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I never really officially retired from the WNBA, I just left the doors open.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I have accomplished everything I set out to accomplish when I started playing the sport at 7. And probably even more.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I was very bitter, frustrated, hurt, angry - I went through all types of emotions when I first was out of the WNBA.

~Sheryl Swoopes

Everybody wants to win.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I've accomplished everything a person can accomplish on a basketball court, but I never thought about the future when I was younger. I never made plans for the next stage in my life.

~Sheryl Swoopes

There was the misconception out there that I retired after the 2008 season, but that was never the case. I wasn't done with basketball yet, and I'm still not done.

~Sheryl Swoopes

TV is what sells your product.

~Sheryl Swoopes

Discovering I'm gay just sort of happened much later in life.

~Sheryl Swoopes

I'm at a place in my life right now where I'm very happy, very content. I'm finally OK with the idea of who I love, who I want to be with.

~Sheryl Swoopes

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