

### **3-26-18 Grit power**

Some educators are challenging students to get their grit on. By grit, they mean the courage to try even when we are likely to fail, to persevere past our frustration. It's the difference between throwing down your pencil or staying with that tricky math problem.

For instance, students who were studying Steve Jobs were asked to list the times when Jobs failed and how he responded. The idea is that kids should be praised for their hard work and perseverance, not for grades that come easy.

This could apply to our spiritual intelligence, as well. Some people seem to be born with spiritual IQ. Others wrestle with doubt and reason, or delegate that to the philosophers to fight it. But spiritual life is inherently mysterious. So exploring it takes grit.

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