**The Characteristics of an Astonishing Cook**

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 Imagine, holding your sparkling trophy on a plate, beholding it for the world to see. Everybody has at least thought about cooking for themselves. To be an outstanding chef you need to have three main personal characteristics. Patience, agility, and focus.

 Firstly, to be an amazing cook you need to have patience. One reason patience is an important skill is, because things can take a very long time to cook. For example, my parents and I love to cook pulled pork. When it`s done it tastes like it came out of a restaurant. But, one of the key ways to make it fabulous is to let it simmer for a very long time, just so it`s not dry. Patience comes in a lot in that situation. Whenever you’re making something that`s going to take a long time, (which is in a lot of recipes) control your patience.

 Another personal characteristic is agility. You need agility in cooking because, in most dinners, you`ll need to make two things at once. For example, my family’s most simple dinners are salmon, rice, and any veggies. So, if you don`t focus you`ll be eating under cooked salmon, (that`s a huge health hazard) over cooked rice, and really squishy broccoli. Also, agility comes in chopping things. If you go too slow, you`re going to be there all day. When you are using agility in chopping, make sure your safe, but don`t waste time. And here`s a tip for agility, don`t do many overcomplicated things at once. You might not be able to handle it.

 Finally- you know I love dogs! I have a dog, her name is Gabby and- oh wait what was I talking about? Right, right! Focus! Well, focus could be one of the most important characteristics of all! Once, I was making an egg but totally got unfocused to go get something. When I got back to it, it was so burned I couldn`t even scrape it off the pan! Focus says whether your dish is going to turn out well or not. To help with focus you can estimate how long something is going to take, then just put it on the timer and do whatever you want to do.

 In conclusion, cooking can be a really fun skill to have. But to be a good cook you need three personal characteristics. Patience, agility, and focus. I hope I will be seeing you on *“Top Chef”* in the future!