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### Important Lesson

I grew up with four siblings and working parents that always tried to keep a roof over our heads and food on the table and clothes on our backs. Holidays were the best it was not so much the gift giving, but we were all together and enjoying the smell of food cooking and music playing we love singing to Christmas music and having relatives come over from out of town. My father was slightly tough on my two brothers teaching them how to be men and conducting them in a manner of how to relate in society. When it came to my sisters and me my father may he rest in peace always said never beg a man for things you deserve the right one will give you everything you never even knew about and if they feel like your too much to handle to tell them to go find less. I laugh when I think of this now because I can hear his voice.

Another lesson my father would tell us when we had problems when we started dating or out with friends or even if it was work-related, to choose to live by choice, not by chance; to make changes, not excuses always be motivated, not manipulated; try to be useful, and not used; look to excel and not compete to keep your self-esteem high and not have self-pity to always listen to that inner voice not the random opinions of others. I felt I had the best parents in the world. My grandmother and mother were also dainty teachers they would always say to have,

matching shoes and handbags for your outfit and never go out without money in your pocket even if it's just to get home or you call home and your dad, or I will come to get you. Never find yourself stranded anywhere you go regardless of who you are with because safety was always their concern.

I found that all they taught me and my brothers are lessons that inspired us to be good people that gave us morals and principles to conduct ourselves in a manner that would make them proud of how they raised us the upbringing that was taught along with taking us to church on Sundays I have passed it on to my children and hope they will instill the teaching to their children. The most important that lesson my mother also said is it is better to be kind and helpful to those that you're able to help and that you are likely to be remembered for your character and actions. I hope I have made my belated father and grandmother proud.