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Knowledge has no boundary. From a tribal to rocket scientist every person can teach us something in life. And the person who enriched me with these ideas is the most significant one in my life. She is my mother.

There was a method in her teaching style also. She taught me that every person had his or her own way of thinking. One can guide them to choose a direction but ultimately the decision making has to be made by oneself.

Since childhood she taught me many things. Though unpopular for her short temperament I have never seen it while she was teaching. Innumerable times I kept making mistakes and she never raised her voice. She narrated every topic very tenderly with extreme patience.

The diligence and passion in work are the very significant principles I learned from her. Though she used to work in a small office perhaps with insignificant position but she had immense respect for her job.

After 9 in the morning she used to be the regular employee who had little time to spare. A mother, daughter and wife- had no bearing on her career.

But it was not always carpet of roses with my teacher. There are so many incidents when she became the strictest and miserable person I have been dealing with. Breach of conduct had never been tolerated by her. Feminism is all about giving respect and value to everyone from poor to rich from young to old.

Kind and hard were the two divergent reflections of her character.

After the early days of my schooling my mother never pressed me to study. She used to tell me the value of education should be assimilated in everybody that one will do by the inner urge and one who does it from the heart is the top performer. The scoring of marks was hardly important to her. At end of the day what knowledge I was gaining was much valuable to her.

There is nothing perfect in this world. Everything comes with some shortcomings. She had her too. Many of the times she became extremely impatient. And why not? While upbringing her child she also kept growing. The experience of life nourished her persona and with the process of time she go maturity and became more charming, calm and patient.

It has been long she left me without any notice. I was shocked and shattered. But her words and ideology were guided me to stand firmly. She used to tell me "child, make your inner self strong, bad time will come in life but you don't break down hold yourself strong with patience and you will get your feet steady again. The decisions you make with your understanding will make you the person you are and I will be reflected in your every action".