



Free Essay Samples **Challenging A Life Belief/Idea**

My life as a 4th born in a poor family was nothing anyone would ever wish to have gone through especially at the young age. My parents who both never had the chance to attend any elementary school had the challenges of taking care of the family. Sustaining a meal for the entire family was something so hard that sometimes we skipped meals and other days went without any meal at all.

Shelter and clothing are something that is considered basic in any social class. It was a norm to us for at times we went with tattered clothes while the house we lived in was a shanty which was poorly maintained. I remember us sharing a single bed and at times the blankets were never enough for us all in the house. One thing with my parents is that they always encouraged us that everything would be okay one day. Without an iota of doubt I also believed that one day, there would be a turn of events where I would secure my family a decent and basic life that those in the middle and upper social classes had.

Education and especially for the girl child like myself in the Muslim dominated society was something that highly ridiculed. The place of a woman was traditionally set to be in the kitchen, farm and taking care of the children at home. Education was for the men; few ones who would win scholarships to go abroad and further their studies. These are the few individuals who would later secure lucrative government appointments for their levels of education. They, however, say that no situation in life is permanent to change. This statement was amongst my guiding principles and I vowed to one day change the course of such incidences (ASHBERY, pp. 1-2).

The genesis of my success to where I am today was when I defied the odds and joined the school with other children in school to get an education. Despite the

discrimination and gender profiling owing to the fact that I was a young girl, I made to perform well and occasionally became among the top students in class. Success comes to those who wait but I believed that success comes to those who go a greater mile to have them.

I got the chance to get a scholarship for my high school education. This is a chance that I held so dearly as I clearly understood the meaning this had in shaping my life. I successfully completed my high school and joined college where I pursued a degree in finance and investment analysis. This was a call to other marginalized girls and boys who never had the chance to attend classes that anything is possible with the will at heart. Today I am amongst the sought after investment bankers and financial analysts working with Deloitte Touche, an international audit and consulting firm. I have been able to support my family with what I earn. The poverty that we languished in led me to seek a solution which I gladly attained. I believe that I could challenge such a situation any other time to just eradicate a problem (Kass, pp. 17). I am going getter and therefore would make such a decision if presented with a similar predicament in my life.

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