People often ask me how I become such a self-disciplined student? Well, I know don’t know the exact answer to that, but here are some things that I think may have contributed to who I am today.

(to better show how self-disciplined I am in comparison, I need to use my sister as a counter example. Sorry for being nasty, but all these things are necessary to be mentioned here, I think.)

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| Me | My sister |
| Childhood:  My dad had always been strict to me through out my childhood. Every time I received bad grades or rebelled to what he told me to do, dad would get very angry and I’d be beaten up or would receive corresponding punishment, depending on my penalty levels.  result  I never dared to play any tricks behind my parent’s back; sometimes, I didn’t even dare to express any of my own opinions on anything in front of my dad. In order not to let my parent down, I had to focus 100% on my study. Otherwise, I’m pretty dead.  Now:  As I gained more knowledge and perspective on the world and life, I started to realize that it’s actually very hard for a parent to raise a child, because they not only need to make sure their children stay alive, but also wishing that they could do something great. And I began to think about ‘what am I put on earth to do? What do I want to achieve in this very life time? I even started to feel uncomfortable with the situation that I’m in now. I want to go out to the world, reach out to more people, be more independent, live my life to the full and truly achieve something great so at the end of my life journey, I’d not only to realize that I’ve done nothing in particular in this life. I know this is going to be rough trip, and no body succeeds that easily. It’s very true as people say that ‘there is no shortcut to success’. In every memoir by successful people, there always are stories about the to tough period and setbacks that they encountered at some point in their life. I have to experience what I should go through. Just as Jimmy O.Yan says in his book *How to American ‘I never looked back at these challenges as barriers; I saw them as opportunities to grow. I’d rather to find out that I might fail miserably than to have never* tried at all.’  As things happen around in the future, I know there’ll be some changes happen to me. However, no matter how things may change, one thing that’ll always remain the same is that whatever things I do, I don’t want to let the people around me down, and more importantly, I won’t let myself down! | Childhood:   * Always been my parent’s little princess; she could feel free to jokingly argue with dad without being beaten up, instead, she was considered as being smart and articulate. * A bit spoiled (I think)   result  She thinks its smart of her to play tricks  behind our parent’s back.  (e.g. Mom doesn’t allow her to use the cellphone during weekdays. However, for many times, she’d sneak out at night like a “Ninja” and “steal” mom’s phone and play with it. Somehow mom always forget to frequently change her password. What’s more, she often pretends writing her homework in her room, but in fact, she’s just reading some other meaningless books. What’s worse, though she’d been caught by my mom for multiple times, she never corrects herself as if she really knows what is best for herself.  Now:  She is pretty comfortable with the situation that she’s in now (she’s got clothes to wear, food to eat and mom would always clean up her bedroom and dirty clothes for her.) |

Again, thanks for reading guys. I know I’m sort of just rambling here without getting anywhere. But these are the things that have been lingering in my mind for a while and I hope they could be relatable to you guys. Anyway, thanks for your support, and I wish you guys all the best.