Growing with Dad: Lessons from my Father

Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language

1. **Picture** a humble farmer cultivating not just crops, but the values and wisdom that have shaped not only my life, but also life of my four siblings. Today, I stand before you to **unravel** the remarkable journey of my father, the man I affectionately call my father "dada". His story is a **testament** to the extraordinary power of hard work, dedication, and resilience.
2. **READER -** He had completed his primary education and was an avid reader. Whenever he had free time, he would immerse himself in books related to agriculture. If you had visited our home, you would have noticed that there were more agriculture books on our shelves than all the books belonging to my siblings combined. He had raised three elder daughters and two younger sons.
3. To avoid the cost that is spent on external resources, my father allow us to work together as a family in a field in **harmony**, that way we practiced to work for **common-goal** while maintaining the healthy relations amount ourselves. I remember when there were days where we had to take leave from the school when there is an important work in our field, like planting onions or sugarcane, that way he lessoned us to **prioritize** the important things. He knew that we would get tired after some time. So, at the start, he would assign the hardest part of the work like collecting or cutting the crops instead of filtering out unwanted vegetables. He made sure we tackled the most challenging tasks first and left the easier ones for later. this strategy also mentioned in a popular book call **eat that frog**. I still use these strategies in my day-to-day coding work and even in the gym.
4. My father never forced us to study. Instead, when he saw us playing or engaging in unproductive activities, he would take us to work in the fields for 4 to 5 hours. This made us realize how tough fieldwork can be and **inspired** and motivatedus to focus on our study.
5. In a farm he usually plants tomatoes, cabbage and cauliflower. To get enough profits for our farm vegetables, he regularly sells them directly to customers in our weekly market instead of selling directly to the seller. I have spent many Sunday's sitting beside him, closely observing how he sells vegetables. I remember that he would never let a customer leave without buying vegetables. If a customer tried to negotiate for a lower price, he would often agree to the lower price but encourage them to buy more. If necessary, he would sell at the price the buyer was asking. This demonstrated his skill, resilience, and a **never-give-up** attitude.
6. I'd like to share one childhood experience related to my father that I still vividly remember. There was a village fair, and we came across a kitchen cooker seller offering aluminum cookers at very low prices. My father, who was knowledgeable about current aluminum and iron prices, suspected that selling a cooker made entirely of aluminum at that price wasn't possible.

Father: (examining the cookers) These aluminum cookers seem remarkably affordable. Are you certain they are made purely of aluminum?

Seller: (with confidence) Absolutely, sir. These are high-quality aluminum cookers.

Father: (raising an eyebrow) I'm well aware of the current prices for aluminum and iron. It's quite unusual to find aluminum cookers at this price. Are you sure there's no iron in them?

Seller: (smirking) Sir, let me show you. (The seller takes out a magnet and places it on a sample cooker. The magnet doesn't stick.)

Father: (nodding) I see the magnet doesn't adhere to this sample, indicating it's pure aluminum. We'd like to buy one. But I have one condition.

Seller: (curious) What's your condition?

Father: (firmly) We'll purchase this sample cooker, but only if we can test the unboxed one with the same magnet. It's essential for us to be sure.

Seller: (hesitating) I'm sorry, but we can't accept a return if the box is opened.

Father: We understand that. However, we insist on purchasing this sample cooker, despite its broken handle and other objections.

Seller: (ohh) You should not, since its in bad condition part of handle brocken one. You should go after newer ie boxed one.

Father: (persisting) we insist on purchasing this sample cooker, despite its broken handle and other objections. We would manage them, Brocken handle would be our problem.

Finally we brought the sample cooker only.

while coming back as we done with roaming the village fair, we notice that the seller has stopped demonstrating the cookers' purity with magnets and is only selling packaged cookers to customers, that means he was indeed showing the cooker having iorn impurities.

This demonstrate his **intellectual and analytical skills.**

Research indicates that we tend to learn more from individuals who are physically present in our lives than from virtual or online sources, such as social networks or videos. These are qualities I learned by observing my father while growing up. In today's world, children and teenagers often seek inspiration and motivation from social media influencers, YouTubers, and content creators rather than looking to their fathers or parents. However, there is so much to learn from our own family and those around us.