# **Initial Vision**

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# Section-1

When I start reflecting on my past, I start to see the way I have changed myself in most things like talking, behaving, thinking, etc. Till standard IV-V, I guess my character was wild. I was the most unpopular kid in my class. I had fights with literally everyone. My father used to teach me at that time. I was the first child and then there is my small sister. My sister is five years younger than me so she was in kindergarten at that time. She was like the perfect kid in my home that every parent will want. Sometimes I get scolded by my parents that I should be an example for her but here the reverse is happening.

Now I can recall an incident in standard IV, report cards and answer sheets were the two major things that I used to hate. As the marks were not good, I was scared to show them to my parents as I will get scolded or sometimes beaten for it. We had this stupid rule that all the answer sheets and reports has to be signed by parents and returned to the teachers to verify if students have shown them to parents or not. So, there was this specific subject, in which I scored very fewer marks. I was scared to let this know to my parents. So, I signed the paper myself put it in my father’s signature, and returned it to the teacher.

At that time, my father used to ask about all my marks for every subject. So for this subject, he started to ask specifically as all other subject marks already know. So I started by saying that the marks are not given yet. As time passed by, the final report card was also given in which all subject marks were written. Now again I was in confusion about what to do. So, I again signed the report card myself and returned it. So, a long time passed, and my father started doubting why the school is not submitting the report card. There was a school friend who lived near my home, my mother was friends with my friend's mother. So from there, she learned that the report card has been submitted a long time back.

Both my parents now know what I have possibly could have done, my father was super angry. I was scared for my life. And I still remember the day for a reason. The beating I got from my father is still fresh in my head. He was repeating only one thing if you would have shown the paper, you wouldn’t have got the beating. Well, that may be true but there is no guarantee for that. That’s what I thought. But is this incident going to change me in any way? That’s the big question. The answer is HELL NO. I was as usual back on track with the activities that I do. This nature of mine continued till Standard VIII. When I reached standard IX, I stopped having fights because of the internal marks. The teachers used to know the names which they will give bad marks. I still don’t know why I did that. I was not that married about my grades at that point.

The major change happened when I was in Standard-X. As we all know how much important are board exams are at least at that point in life. I used to bring very less marks. As I mentioned, my scores were below average. My parents were very worried about what I will do. They started visiting every teacher and some teachers will appreciate me by saying talent is there but no hard work which I loved hearing. While some will show some dissatisfaction. By that time, I used to score well in maths and programming. Aside from that, in every subject, I was a goner. So there was this small incident that I don’t know why or how impacted me so much. This incident I don't know plays a major role in acting as a turning point in life.

So, as I mentioned my parents were visiting some teachers of my school and tuition to get an update on how their son is doing and how will he perform in the coming boards. This was this biology teacher who kind of meanly said that every child is not meant to score 90%. It's fine if your son is below 90%. 90% in boards was like a norm at that time. I don't know why or how, but that night when I heard this I couldn't sleep properly. I felt a different kind of emotion for the first time and I loved that. The next day, I remember started sorting books, and syllabus and handing over my phone self-consciously to my parents. The board was like 4months ahead. So my studying journey started there. I feel that from that moment, I have done well in almost thing !2th Boards College, Placement, job.

# Section-2

In terms of strengths and scope of improvement, I will take the VIA assignment assessment in particular and discuss it in detail.

**Strengths:**

*Honesty:* This trait I was personally expecting to be one of my strengths. For me, being honest is one of my principles. I think this trait I started developing when I became serious with my work. I believe that being honest first with myself and with others gives strength to my character and personality. That being said, as I have worked in a corporate for a year, I realized that being honest is also lethal for you. Sometimes, you have to play smart and tell lies. So, it becomes extremely tough for me to tell lies, which also weakens my personality. That’s why I made myself a rule, that I am those who are honest with me, I become honest with them. Till now, this rule has worked for me pretty great. It’s a simple give-and-take method.

*Kindness:* This trait I feel that it’s purely genetic. My mother is very kind, so I have kind of borrowed the trait from her. Kindness for me is acting selflessly at least the majority of the time. I face extreme difficulty to draw a border between being kind and too kind. Because I have felt that when you become too kind, people start to use you for their benefit. This is what I have experienced with some of my friends. So, for me, the golden rule is to be kind when it's required or the other person needs it. For e.g, I can do an extra assignment for my friend if he/she is sick or something urgent has happened. But I will not do the same if he/she is trying to use me to get his/her assignment done when he/she is having fun.

*Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence:* This trait stems from the above trait of honesty. Appreciating something for its attribute is being honest with myself and them. It helps me to focus on the good points of everyone rather than looking at the bad ones. I appreciate the quality and try to learn the same from them as far as possible. And also appreciating others makes their day, and puts a smile on their face as well as mine. It's pretty satisfying when you appreciate somebody.

**Areas of Improvement:**

*Zest:* This trait boils down to my laziness. I am extremely lazy in almost everything unless it’s something that motivates me. So, it's tough for me to look at some new adventure with excitement rather I try to get done with it as soon as possible. Because of this, I faced some problems in my professional career, when I was assigned some tasks which I was not at all motivated to do. So, my clarity in doing those assignments was pretty bad because I did it half-heartedly. That’s why I want to work on my zest so that I can give my best in whatever I do.

*Humour:* I don’t know why for me this trait has been very difficult. I have tried to improve on this but looks like it’s very counter-intuitive to my nature/character. It's tough for me to crack a joke out of nowhere. Sometimes I can do while it sometimes gets very awkward. That being said I am still working on it.

*Creativity:* I honestly don’t know why this ended up being one of my areas of improvement in VIA Assignments. I may not be very highly creative but I often try to find unique ways /styles to do things with ease. As I mentioned in the above trait about my laziness, because I am lazy I try to find new ways/styles to get my job done. Although that being said, also there is a scope for improvement in terms of working hard on something and also being creative with it. That will be tough for me I guess and I may need to work on it.

# Section-3

For me being a leader means being brave, honest, empathetic, kind, disciplined, etc all at the same time. If I am to be a leader, I want to have all of these traits at once. Which I believe is not easy but also not impossible. I have good people skills. I had some experience in my past 1-year job experience where I managed some 6-8 people. Although that was not that good of an experience. But that also taught me all the weaknesses I have which I can work on. I think the definition of a leader keeps changing. I can be a leader in some assignment projects to a leader in corporate managing hundreds of people.

I want to be a leader on whom people I have responsibility can rely. The people can freely express their concerns/opinions to me. They can trust my decision-making. Even though my decision turns out to be bad. I will try to take the damage as much as possible on myself rather than letting people feel that. I want to be a leader starting from some group assignment project to being a CXO in some company managing hundreds of people. The leader I want to be is one of the people who can see me as an example which they can think of them to be like. For me, this is the leader I want to be.