There is no relationship like that of a child and his parents. One of the greatest desires of a child is to spend as much time as possible with his parents, especially his father who is often not as much home as a mother. Due to their lack of maturity, children often rebel because they do not realize their parents would want nothing else under the ideal circumstances.

When I was about ten years old, seeing my father at home turned into a luxury because he would be rarely at home due to his frequent business-related international travels. It became harder for me to study and not surprisingly, my grades started declining. But instead of blaming myself, I blamed my father, terming him as a selfish person who cares about nothing but his business. Due to my pride, I would not even discuss my feelings with anyone until one of my uncle persuaded me to be more open about my feelings because it will help me grow. I was close to my uncle, thus, I paid heed to his advice and started communicating more openly with mom, siblings, uncles and aunts, and my friends. My discussions with them helped me realize my father was doing everything for his family and also made me realized strong people do not get discouraged but instead fight back. One of the strategies I adopted was to study with my friends which made studying more engaging activity. This experience also helped me become closer to my mom and my friends and my grades recovered to their original levels.
This was a valuable experience and taught me several lessons that continue to benefit me to this day. The first lesson was the high importance of communication which not only prevents misunderstanding but also helps expand our thinking horizons. The second lesson was the importance of adapting to changing circumstances because life is a series of exams and successful people do not get discouraged but instead fight back. The third lesson was to put yourself in others’ shoes because there are often good reasons why people behave in a particular manner and they are not usually what they seem at first.