

Debugging Life

Interviewing Jones was a herculean task for me, he wasn't as willing to meet me at first, I came in contact in him through a common friend, it was 10 in the morning. The sun was gleaming through the glass doors of a serene hotel in San Jose with pale white walls leading all the way up to the bright blue roof and golden chandeliers hanging off of it. After anxiously waiting for him in the velvet covered sofas in the lobby, there he is, a skinny smart man with brown eyes and a pair of slightly oversized glasses taking up half his face, clad in a denim outfit while walking with a beaming smile. His name is Peter Jones, he lives in a small town in Seattle, he describes the place as "*cold and cloudy throughout the year*" with "*a vast array of natural wonders and adventures to enjoy.*" He loves "*driving 40 mins east of Seattle to hike the Rattlesnake Ledge on the weekends*" with his wife. I am seated in one of the comfy lounge chairs in his room. Jones sits upright in the chair right beside me. He works as a manager for Application Development in Google. He feels his work is really challenging and explains about "*identifying new team members, training them on cutting edge technology, developing innovative products*", he is very much conscious of the strategies to be followed at a work place, he affirms "*the importance of taking precautionary measures to make the outstanding products.*" I noticed very well that he was very exuberant during the conversation, he gets "*pride to give equal importance to all team members and motivate them to do their best.*" A few best things have been learnt from the interview of Jones, the similarity between me and him is we both are connected to technological industry, apart from this he focused on life and people. His words are always true to the reality "*I am a man of actions but not words.*" I am amazed by his communication ability and body language, there is a strong burning desire behind taking up each significant activity, his dedication became evident in his words "*The more I do selfless service, the more I realise myself*", I had to do an impressive research to know more about Jones, his biography is not found in any external sources. Even for complex questions, he wasn't hesitating to divulge the details, in a few cases his words acted as an eye opener for me. He answered all my questions with a radiant smile. During

my conversation with him, he stresses upon the fact that society is his *“first home.”* He claims that the society wasn't *“established overnight.”* This became possible through *“sleepless nights”* and *“countless sacrifices.”*

He is a 35 year old techie who hails from Seattle. He is survived by a wife and two children. He is associated with Google as a Product Manager overlooking the Application Development team. He is a casual(ordinary) man with unusual qualities. He mostly appears like a saint to others. In order to stay ahead of others, he updates his knowledge from time to time. During weekdays, his work can become *“overwhelming at times”* as he needs to *“stay in touch with each and every team member and assesses their productivity from time-to-time.”* He is convinced that his life's purpose is served only if he *“backs up the poor and needy.”* He believes that it's *“the birth right of every individual to be humble and selfless towards others.”* His wife 'Lily' who acts as a *“pillar of strength”* to him, is equally dedicated to serving other people. For Jones, life is *“a miracle”* and *“an opportunity”* that lets you *“enjoy every moment of it!”* He is a stoic in nature as he isn't perturbed by transient successes and defeats. He tends to *“balance his work and life”* in such a way that he can *“make the most out of them.”* His failures help him improve as a person. Life was not an easy task for a toddler who lost his mother when he was 2 years old. He started growing innocently by observing people. He never felt bad even though he didn't get required support from his friends and family. He was unsure about his life and career, as he attended school and college without any seriousness. He observed many selfish people and decided to never be like them. His woes and worries made him unsure of his motivating factor, while not being favoured during childhood. Gradually, age (learned a lot in life) and consistent failures in both academics and professional life made him stronger than ever.

A few horrific incidents and also the apathy of the society towards orphans moved Jones to take up social service. As a part of social service, during the weekends Jones meticulously selects a few places where he finds many orphans, Jones is an egalitarian, he reckons that there should be equal opportunities for all, he doesn't believe in caste, creed, race, he candidly interacts with them, he showers empathy on them, he spends enough time to educate them on life skills, etiquettes, he also induces moral values in them, his hard earned money is spent for orphans to fulfil their basic requirements like food, cloth, books etc. He interacts with them

frequently to bring them on to the track and also to ensure that they understand the objective of life, he analyses their passion and motivates them to set a career goal for themselves. Once in a while, Jones visits youth clubs and schools to interact with youngsters. He organises interactive sessions to motivate children to choose the right path and avoid mistakes that he made in the past which led to “major consequences.” Jones understands them with empathy and persuades them in a pragmatic way. Jones believes that youngsters are “the pillars of the nation. He recites, “The more motivated they are, the more wonders that can be done and when the right path is chosen, their lives will become more meaningful.” He is a man with unique abilities who leads life by playing various roles such as a philanthropist, counsellor, teacher, motivator etc. A lot is contributed to the society by him while expecting nothing in return, he is an unsung hero. He is benevolent and wants to live on in people’s hearts, he is looking forward to spend his retirement time in helping people in several ways, he would like to dedicate himself to the society by spending most of his hard earned money to the society. Charity work made him aware that “serving humanity is nothing but serving a god”, he affirmed several times that his soul is purified by his selfless acts.

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