

Wednesday

"From Nobody to Somebody" by Shariff Taylor

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My name is Shariff Taylor and I use to feel like a Nobody because of how my Mom, Family and basically everybody else treated me when I was growing up.

My Mom used me for her personal punching bag and gave me away for sex to women or Men for Crack Cocaine, plus she introduced me to incest amongst the family at the age of 10. I believed all this and continued to do as she said until the age of 14 because I got fed up with being called Stupid or that I wouldn't amount to anything but another drug addict.

What I did was run away to stay with a older friend of mine, where I learned that not all families lived as my family did, so I began to expand my world view mind and wanted to explore myself and what I liked to do, not activities I was taught.

Well, I ended up hitchhiking to another state where I fell on hard times, ended up homeless and had to Panhandle or Prostitute to get money to just get by and make it back to Las Vegas, NV.

Weirdly, when I moved back to Vegas, I had a different attitude due to finally realizing that I don't need anyone's approval or opinion of me, guiding my life and decided to take control of my own life.

I began by forcing myself to go out and meet people to break the habit of being a

Recluse or Loner, I changed my perception of viewing situations, I trained my mind to think impartial and not judgemental as before and I began to get my sense of humor back to the point of having crowds of people migrate towards me instead of shying away, thinking or not knowing what mood I'd be in from moment to moment.

With my new attitude and support system, I ended up getting a job, becoming manager within 6 months, moving into my own apartment along with a Girlfriend and mending broken ties with family.

My struggle from a "Nobody" brought me from the storm to becoming a "Somebody" to myself and others because what you view yourself as, attracts like individuals, so be confident in you no matter what you're experiencing or what life throws at you.

Now I'm an Advocate/Activists for Transgender Rights or whoever is facing oppression.

Inside Note

I've recently come to the belief in Anarchism so I'd like to add Anarchist to my resumé or profile, please?

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