

Epilepsy Foundation

The onset of Epilepsy, from a severe head injury at age five, has had a profoundly negative effect on my life. Seizures during school caused me to be shunned and ridiculed by my peers. I withdrew from nearly all social interactions and had virtually no friends. I felt cold, lonely, and bereft of spirit inside. This was a severely humiliating experience.

Eventually medication was found that suppressed the symptoms. However, the course of my social interactions had largely been set and I have always found it difficult to develop truly meaningful relationships with others.

Over the years I have overcome the rejections by my siblings and acquaintances by gravitating mostly to people who accepted me as I was and for my redeeming qualities. I learned to stand up for myself and even fight back physically when there was a defensive need. From early on I learned to look inward for my support and strength and to give my every effort towards my studies and to any task I was assigned to do. This disability severely affected my ability to learn, reason, and to remember details and facts especially in mathematics or when pressure. I largely overcame these shortcomings by forging ahead and pursuing an education as work schedule and finances permitted. Over the years I have managed to attain two separate Associate degrees from the Salt Lake Community College. My current goal is to attain a BS degree in Accounting from Utah State University this will help me provide for myself much better and serve the public.

I now feel self assured and know that my goals are correct; that I am on the right track in life. I rate my frugality and financial astuteness among my greatest assets.

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