

## Good Guy

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I used to think that I would never do that to anyone, but unfortunately, it happens sometimes unintentionally. I know for a fact that I act or respond to certain people according to their personalities. I know that sounds bad but it is the truth. I know everybody does it, but they just don't want to admit it.

This is where it all started. I was thinking one day, "why does my family take advantage of me?" When I thought it through in a deeper sense, I realized that all of us do that. I'll give you an example: Whenever I need someone to babysit for me, I go to my younger sister, who in this case is the "good person". I have another sister who I can never take my son to because she gives the impression that she doesn't like to babysit. I don't know how to explain that because she doesn't actually say that she will not babysit for me, but I can sense it. Although, I more likely would do things for her, my older sister, than I would for the "good sister", (not because I don't appreciate what she does for me, but because my older sister lives alone with her kids and she doesn't drive, so I usually do all her errands for her). So you see, it happens unintentionally. The good thing is, I always make up for taking advantage of my sister's kindness.

I consider myself a good person and I know for a fact that a lot of people I know take advantage of me. My father always tells me to do everything for him, although altogether we are 7 brothers and sisters, I'm the only one he seems to depend on. At this point, you're probably thinking (this

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is the part where I pretend I actually have an audience), “well maybe he respects you more and thinks your more dependable”, that definitely is not the case. He has always made it clear that he does not approve of my opinions or decisions. He hates that I’m strong willed and independent, so I’m guessing that doesn’t mean he actually asks me to do things out of respect towards me but because he wants to take advantage of me.

At this point, I’m beginning to sound like I’m paranoid, or am I wrong?

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