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A Great Job

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My mother raised me alone in Fuzhou, China. She was a street cleaner. She woke up early every day even in really bad weather. I didn't like my mother's job because I felt ashamed. I urged my mother to change her job.

One day, my friend saw my mother cleaning the street. She told me my mother had a dirty job. She looked down on my mother. She mocked me. I was so embarrassed. Later, I told my mother. She told me street cleaning was not a disgraceful job. We were not thieves. We used our labor to make money. Someone who didn't want to use their labor to work was disgraceful, not us. A street cleaner has a very important job because street cleaners give people a comfortable and clean environment.

My mother did everything for me and our city. My mother always guides me to walk the right way in life.

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