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### **ONES HAPPINESS**

When Derrick Mugo released his daughter to the university, he did not imagine that she would be convinced romantically by a poor Muslim student, Jeremy Hamisi, who had just done a degree in Education Arts at Kenyatta University. “No, no this is a shame “.He would be always be heard saying bitterness.

Mr. Mugo was a big business man who was very known in town as the owner of ,many small retail shops and other business in town .At the time his daughter ,Mitchell Mugo, introduced Jeremy ,he got overwhelmed with stress. He never liked this guy, since he was a Muslim and in addition, he was not from rich family.

He discouraged his daughter from getting married to him but she insisted .This led to a big family conflict. He would always be had quarreling and pleading to let go of him. This led to involvement of the whole community to try and convince her not to be married to this poor guy but that was in vain.

On 6<sup>th</sup> March ,2010, she disappeared from home .This led to her search and it was news allover that if anyone on the Kenyan gazette The standard pronouncing her missing .Mugo claimed that anyone who could find her to be awarded heavily.

Within all this time of drama,Mitchelle had decided to move to Jeremy’s home at Kayole.She could not imagine that his father can go as far as pronouncing her missing in the Kenyan televisions ,but it came to pass. She remains indoor for everything to cool down for her to continue with her normal life .Although she got stressed of his father’s situation, she continued to remain silent in her hideouts.

He could not believe losing his daughter her only child. He thought quietly as he sat on his sofa. His house was still arranged .He looked forward onto his television .His eyes concentrating although his mind was not there he thought on how and where he would look for assistance. Mugo thought of accepting what has happened but yet his heart was heavy. What shall he have done? The thought of accepting his daughter to be married off to him could not stop popping into his mind .He consulted many friends, but they remained with one solidarity, “it would be a big shame to you”.

One day when he sat, deep in thoughts an idea crept into his minds, although it looked more ideal to him. He decided that he can’t lose her daughters trust and love just for his decisions. “Maybe I should restore my family; she is the only one I have”. After one week of thinking and getting ideas, he decided to offer Jeremy a job that could help him raise a better living. With different connections, he was informed the

whereabouts of his daughter from the time he got this information, he took an action. After two months of agreements, he accepted his son in law and took the initiative of helping him for the better living of his daughter.

From this time, happiness was restored although it was not an easy decision for Mr. Mugo to recognize Jeremy Hamisi as his son in law. It took time for his friends to believe in his decision. Many commented that it was the poorest decision that Mugo had made but in his heart, he knew that it was the best. He knew that it only needed time for Jeremy to prove to the world that his decision was not a bad one .He came to conclude that living in a happy family is the best option.