

My Rebellious Stage
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Fife and Drum Corps activities helped Ashley Kibler to raise her life-condition and graduate from the rebellious stage. What a relief for Ashley and her parents!

Ughhh, Mom, why can't I go? All my friends are going, and all their mothers let them do things they want to do and go where they want to go. It's just not fair. You know, sometimes you can be so over-protective, Mom. Just wait until my 18th birthday...."

Sound familiar? If you were ever a teenager with a mother, you must have a feeling for what it is like to battle foolishly with your mother over petty things. Last year, my mother and I argued constantly. Honestly, there wasn't a day we didn't quarrel at least once.

I know I felt very trapped and bitter, and I imagine my mother must have wondered what bad causes she could have possibly made to deserve such a negative daughter!

I was going through my rebellious stage. I wanted to live my life my way and my way only. I was not up for compromise unless it was in my favor. Naturally, the only thing my mother could really do was deal with it and hope for this phase to blow over soon. I'd say it lasted almost a full year, and so much negative energy was exuded during this time.

Sooner or later, I started attending Fife and Drum Corps meetings regularly and participating in as many activities as I could. I always found that when I returned home on Sundays after practice, I was much more easy-going, agreeable and positive, and my life-condition was so much higher than usual.

My mother would even comment on this, and I could see the difference in my thoughts and behavior myself. So for about a year now, I have been attending practices and other local meetings in our area.

I have since started the eighth grade, and things between my mother and me are much better. A lovely friendship has sprung up out of all of this, and we are learning to compromise and get along well. I am not half as negative as I used to be. I barely ever quarrel or fight with my parents anymore, and I have seen an all-around change in my life-condition.

I can truly say that through my developing practice and faith in this religion, I am learning to be a better person. I have become more mature. My mother and I now have a wonderful thing in common, and I really appreciate that.

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