

MY METAMORPHOSIS

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“The next person who screams is going to get stabbed.” This is what I said to someone at a football game in September. Because of this remark, I had to suffer. The school principal called me into the office and suspended me from school for ten days. I didn’t know how to tell my parents about it. They were so disappointed. I had to go to court and I got charged with one fifth degree felony and two misdemeanors. The prosecutor told me that since it was the first time I had been in any illegal trouble I would only get six months probation and twenty-four hours of community service. I also had to pay a \$193 fine. While on suspension from school, I worked at my aunt’s store to help pay my fine and I decided I had to work on having self control. Self control is my law of life and I have to work hard every day to control my actions. The little things can make me mad, but last year I would start screaming and fighting. Since I have been working on my control, I just walk away. I don’t listen to the gossip in the halls. It’s hard not to listen to the people talking about me. I still have a long way to go before I have total control, but I am getting better everyday. Some of my friends need to work on self control, but they won’t listen to me. I try to help them, but they don’t seem to care. Sometimes I have to separate myself from them to avoid trouble. I have to live everyday knowing if I get in trouble I could go to a detention center for six months.

I want to prove to the people at my school that I have changed; that I do have a good side. I tried out for cheerleading, because cheerleaders are some of the leaders of the school. I made the squad and I’m working hard at practice and following all the rules. Since I started trying to control my anger I have made the honor roll and I’m working on getting on the principal’s list. I’ve been nominated for student of the month. My teachers tell me what a great job I’m doing academically and in the choices I’m making. My life has changed drastically. I’m proud of the way I have changed.

These are some reasons why self control is a big part of my life. Every day I have things I look forward to instead of some conflict or drama. I still have to work hard at self control and I’m not perfect but I’m proof a person change.