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### Positive Impacts

I started going to Walking Tall sometime between 2015 and 2016. I don't have the best memory for dates, but that's beside the point. When I first started going to Walking Tall, my parents had begun to split up and go their different ways. Walking Tall acted like a shelter away from home, not to mention all the trade skills that I learned when I was going there. I could do little woodworking, and welding, but then again, I wasn't very good at either of those. What sticks with me most is mentors going out of their way to teach us what they know and how to succeed with our life decisions. I ended up joining the military and signed up for the infantry. The military taught me that life includes pain at times. I learned that good things come from hard work. When I look back on my time at Walking Tall, I realized that the mentors showed us just how hard it was to get something good. I'm not talking about money or possessions but the fact that they would spend their time and often their own money to teach us and provide an excellent example to live by. I've been in the Marines for three years now, and I've seen how many people live their lives. I've noticed many marines don't know how to work, and that they actually expect things to be handed to them on a silver platter. By contrast, I've also seen some people fight for what they have and how they live. I've seen a family of close to 20 people bring a new person into their home, share food with him, and expect nothing in return. I've seen what Walking Tall teaches and how well it will bring you happiness in the long term. Even after not going to Walking Tall for the last three years, I realize I will use the Gospel and all the trade skills they teach for the rest of my life.

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**Being respectful and kind to those around you,  
positively impacts your life as well!**

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.  
1 Thessalonians 5:10

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