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Peace, justice, and righteousness are some things to fight for. I could carry out a variety of influential and helpful things to be like a “drum major” is to a band. These examples could define me as a leader and help me grow into an effective and helpful person.

Peace is something that is very rare in today’s society. Anywhere that one goes, one is bound to find conflict and hate. Promoting peace is a difficult task considering that many people my age consider it “cool” to be the one who “won” the fight. One way I could promote peace is by being a mediator between the people who are fighting. Also, I could settle my own conflicts, not with hate and violence, but with dignity and maturity. The same applies to the community if I were to try to lead people to peace.

Justice is also an objective to shoot for. Whenever I see something unjust, I vow to stand up for what is right. By doing this, I am setting a good example, thus leading people to what is just. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. fought for justice and equality. Just as he did, I will fight to abolish prejudice. Everybody has the right to be equal. People also have the opportunity to stand up for someone or something they love. To fail to do so is cowardice. Bullying is very common in high school environments. Justice is almost never found in these situations and neither is rationality. I could be the one to stand up and voice my opinion. This would inspire others to do the same as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. did.

People are easily influenced to do what is popular in today’s society. I feel as though people do not know exactly what is right, because society has changed so much throughout the years. To be a leader of righteousness, I could do what I think is right. If one ever doubts something that someone is doing, then it is probably the wrong decision. If someone comes to me in distress asking for help, I could lead them in a better direction. Also, if I clearly see someone choosing the wrong thing to do, I could help them make a smarter decision. If I did what is right, then I could influence others to do the same.

Leading people to do what is right and finding a cause to fight for is key in one’s life. Once one finds that cause, one must make it the main objective and strive to have others believe in it too. Fight for what is right and love everyone. That is the example I will set and hope that others will follow.

Drum Major Instinct

