

her church told her that she was making a big mistake. They told her that she couldn't make any money with a psychology degree and that she wouldn't be able to support herself. She didn't care.

"I felt so strongly that I wanted to pursue this that the financial end wasn't a concern," said Bolen, who finished her bachelor's degree in psychology from Texas Wesleyan University in two and a half years by taking extra courses.

When she applied for graduate school at the age of 20, she was told she was too young and possibly immature for the program. Blessed with some supportive professors who fought for her, Bolen was accepted into a program. She earned her master's in Psychology from Texas Woman's University.

As a single woman at the tender age of 21, she has always loved working with teenagers because they are so full of life.

For a few years, Bolen worked at the John Peter Smith Hospital, counseling patients with mental health issues. She also worked at a college; counseled patients at Millwood Hospital; and wrote for a magazine.

Bolen has been married for 29 years, has three children, and is currently in her private practice another one of her specialties is performance enhancement. From professional golfers, to cheerleaders, she helps them break through blocks so that they can perform their best.

"I knew that I had to get a master's degree in counseling," said Bolen. "It is very important to do internships. To get some experience to be in and possibly a job."

In regards to working and returning to school, Bolen says, "It can fit your lifestyle. Even if it is one class a semester, you can have before. You can go back to school for five years, and five years pass and not have a degree."

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