

Weekly Message Weekly Message



Greetings special friends,
I hope that your week has been fabulous! Many of you are ready to head out on Spring Break so be careful and hopefully sunshine will follow you wherever you go.

Here are some thoughts for the day:

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"To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that."  
St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) reformer

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"Life's only lasting joy comes in erasing the
boundary line between *mine* and *yours*."
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"The best that the great teachers can do for us is to help us to discover  
what is already present in our lives."  
Irving Babbitt (1865-1933) scholar

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"Sometimes your best investments are the ones you don't make."
Donald Trump, entrepreneur



We are steadily working our way through a terrific contest season. We have 4 more to go before our **2006 National/International Championship** at the University of North Texas in Denton (north of Dallas, TX), March 24-25th. We will have over **120 teams** including elementary, junior, high school, college and teams from as far away as Hawaii, Japan and Australia. See the **Dallas Mavericks Dancers**

and the **Dallas Cowboys' Cheerleaders** perform at the event. Learn more about this event and others on our web site at www.DanceADTS.com.

Each of us has a concept of self worth, even though we value our lives in many ways. Below is a special thought on a \$20 bill and our reaction to it. I hope it lifts you up today and every day.

Have a wonderful week, and, as always, please *keep in touch*.



Sincerely,

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Sometimes we just need to be reminded!

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked,

"Who would like this \$20 bill?"

Hands started going up.

He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this.

He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it?"

Still the hands were up in the air.

Well, he replied, "What if I do this?"

And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty.

"Now, who still wants it?"

Still the hands went into the air.



**My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson.
No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.**

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO LOVE you.

The worth of our lives comes not in what we do, or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE.