

# Weekly Message Weekly Message



Greetings special friends,

The weather has definitely turned into spring here in Central Texas with the flowers blooming and the trees sprouting their new leaves in this warm weather. I hope that spring has brought pleasing weather and surroundings to your area as well.

Here are some thoughts for the day:



**“The longer you wait to decide what you want to do, the more time your wasting. It’s up to you to want something so badly that your passion shows through in your actions.**

**Your actions, not your words, will do the shouting.”**

**Derek Jeter, baseball player**



**“Every time history repeats itself, the price goes up.”**

**author unknown**



**“Friendship, like money, is a trust, a stewardship, a responsibility.”**

**William Arthur Ward (1921-1994) journalist and educator**



**“You win some, you lose some, and some get rained out, but you gotta suit up for them all.”**

**J. Askenberg**



Summer camps are right around the corner and it is not too early to reserve your place at a summer dance camp. Make sure to visit our web site and directors can pre-register their teams online.

<http://www.danceadts.com/summercamps.htm>

Each of us has something so special about us that allows us to contribute to our group. It is the uniqueness of our own personality that mixes with the chemistry of others to make a team that stands alone in their style and personality. Below is a special passage about the rose and how it has so many dimensions that make it unique. I hope that you find it as powerful as I did.

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



*Sincerely,*

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## *Parable Of The Rose*

A certain man planted a rose and watered it faithfully. Before it blossomed, he examined it. He saw a bud that would soon blossom. He also saw the thorns, and he thought, "How can any beautiful flower come from a plant, burdened with so many sharp thorns?" Saddened by this thought, he neglected to water the rose, and before it was ready to bloom, it died.



So it is with many people. Within every soul, there is a rose. The 'God-like' qualities planted in us at birth, growing amidst the thorns of our faults. Many of us look at ourselves and see only the thorns, the defects. We despair, thinking nothing good can possibly come from us. We neglect to water the good within us, and eventually it dies. We never realize our potential.

Some don't see the rose within themselves. It takes someone else to show it to them. One of the greatest gifts, a person can possess, is to be able to reach past the thorns and find the rose within others. This is the truest, most innocent, and gracious characteristic of love... to know another person, including their faults, recognize the nobility in their soul, and yet still help another to realize they can overcome their faults. If we show them the rose, they will conquer the thorns.

Only then, will they blossom, and most likely, blooming thirty, sixty, a hundred-fold, as it's given to them.

Our duty in this world, is to help others, by showing them 'their roses' and not "their thorns." It is then, that we achieve the love, we should feel for each other; only then, can we bloom in our 'own garden.'

~Author Unknown~

**Lord, may our eyes forever behold the beauty of the rose!!**