



American Inspiration

Greetings special friends,
We had an incredible snow flurry on the Saturday before Easter and had over 4” of snow on the ground. It was quite a beautiful sight for Central Texas. I hope your Easter was as much fun as ours.

Here are some thoughts for the day:

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“Temptations, unlike opportunities, will always give you many second chances.”

O.A. Battista, scientist and writer

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“Remember that not to be happy is not to be grateful.”
Elizabeth Carter (1717-1806) poet and translator

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“Your world is as big as you make it.”  
Georgia Douglas Johnson (1880-1966) poet

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“One must pass through the circumference of time before arriving at the center of opportunity.”
Balstar Gracian (1601-1658) philosopher and writer

In two weeks, we will head to Richardson, Texas, for the national **Dance/Drill Team Directors of America** convention at the Renaissance Hotel. This is an opportunity to see many other directors, exhibitors and dance professionals and be inspired by innovative workshops. If you are interested in registering for the convention, go to **www.DTDA.org** for more information.

I was searching through my favorite books and articles and came across a passage on thoughts for every day. The passage below was most inspiring to me and covers so many areas of life. I hope that you find several of them that strike a cord with you.

Have a wonderful week. Hope to see many of your this weekend at the **Kilgore Rangerette Revels**, and as always, please *keep in touch!*

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Sincerely,

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Thoughts for this and every day . . .

1. Anyone can become angry—that is easy. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, for the right purpose, and in the right way—that is not easy.

Aristotle—The Nicomachean Ethics

2. Shoot for the moon . . . even if you miss, you'll be among the stars.

3. A short course in Human Relations:

The six most important words: "I admit I made a mistake."

The five most important words: "You did a good job."

The four most important words: "What is your opinion?" The

three most important words: "If you please."

The two most important words: "Thank you."

The one most important word: "We"

The least most important word: "I"

4. "Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the

limo breaks down." Oprah Winfrey

5. Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

6. If you have a penny and I have a penny and we exchange pennies, you still have one cent and I still have one cent. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange our ideas, you now have two ideas and I now have two ideas.

7. If you think you are beaten, then you are.

If you think you dare not, you don't.

If you like to win but think you can't,

It's almost certain that you won't.

Life's battles don't always go

To the stronger woman or man,

But sooner or later, those who win

Are those who think they can.

8. In his Creed for Optimists, Christian D. Larsen tells you how you can be somebody: "Be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind."

Talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

Make all your friends feel there is something special in them.

Look at the sunny side of everything.

Think only of the best, work only for the best, and expect only the best.

Be as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

Forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

Give everyone a smile.

Spend so much time improving yourself that you have no time left to criticize others.

Be too big for worry and too noble for anger.

9. The only place you find success before work is in the dictionary. May V. Smith

10. During the devastating earthquakes in Kobe, Japan, an American newscaster did a short piece on a Japanese woman who set up a makeshift store out of boxes selling flashlights and batteries. When the commentator asked why she wasn't selling the essential items for more than the regular price, the woman answered, "Why would I want to profit from someone else's suffering?"