



American Inspiration

Greetings to you all,
I hope that you have escaped all the bad storms that have been sweeping across the plains. Spring can bring beautiful sunshine but fierce storms as well. Hope your day is sunny, like ours, today.

Here are some thoughts for the day:

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**“The richer your friends, the more they will cost you.”**  
**Elisabeth Marbury (1856-1933) theatrical producer and agent**

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“Experience teaches only the teachable.”
Vernon Law, baseball player

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**“Put blinders on to those things that conspire to hold you back, especially the ones in your own head. Guard your good mood, listen to music every day, joke and love and read more for fun, especially poetry.”**  
**Meryl Streep, actor**

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“God determines who walks into your life. It’s up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay, and who you refuse to let go.” author unknown
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Camp time is right around the corner. Many of you will be planning your **private camp**, **team camp**, **officer camp**, **social officer camp**, or **jazz camp** for individuals. We have some fabulous routines lined up for this season, along with some new team building activities, routine DVD’s, new and innovative director workshops, and much more! To learn more about our summer camp programs, go to our web site at [www.DanceADTS.com/summercamps.htm](http://www.DanceADTS.com/summercamps.htm).

While thinking ahead for camps, pep rallies, football games, and even ahead to contests, don’t forget that you can get top notch recording and editing from **Moffett Productions**. Visit their web site and listen to one of their special dance team demo pieces of music at:

[www.Moffett.com/samples/DanceTeamMusicDemo.mp3](http://www.Moffett.com/samples/DanceTeamMusicDemo.mp3)

Fred Roach, a former builder in the Dallas area, wrote a special book to his children several years back. It was a culmination of short passages that he wrote into a diary at first, then converted to a book, called "Let's Talk." There are some great passages in it and I chose the one on Honesty to share with you today. It is short, simple and to the point. It is a lesson on why honesty is definitely the best policy.

We are off to the Dance/Drill Team Directors of America convention ([www.DTDA.org](http://www.DTDA.org)) in Dallas and hope to see many of you there. Have a wonderful week, and, as always, please *keep in touch*.

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*Sincerely,*

*Joyce E. Pennington, Pres. CEO*

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# *Honesty*

*By Fred Roach from "Let's Talk"*

Sometimes it's hard to be absolutely honest in all things, particularly when being honest will hurt others. Sometimes I find myself doing things for others that I don't have the time or energy to do, but I hate to say no to them. I guess it would be best to go ahead and tell them my deep inner feelings in as pleasant a way as possible and then move on to something else.

I heard someone say last week that it's difficult to be honest in business. That's nonsense!! Honesty is wrapped up in the concept of fairness: a fair price, a fair return on investment, a fair quality and quantity. We can be fair and honest and still make a good profit for our company.

Be honest in your word--it represents your inner being.

Be honest in your dealings with other--it will be reciprocated.

Be honest in evaluating your own effort--the gain will be great.

Be honest in deed and thought--it will make you a more complete person