

American Inspiration



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Thoughts for today and every day:

“Giving of ourselves is the way we change the world at the end of our fingertips.”

Richard F. Schubert, business advisor

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“Anyone can be happy when times are good; the richer experience is to be happy when times are not.”

Susan Harris, television writer and producer

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“Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it whether it exists or not, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedy.” Ernest Benn (1875-1954) publisher

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“Probably nothing in the world arouses more false hopes than the first four hours of a diet.” Dan Bennett

American Update:

The weeks are flying by quickly and halftimes continue to be the big features on Friday nights. For those directors who are ambitious and ready to pre-register for contests, you can go online and pre-register by signing onto the Directors Corner. If for any reason you have trouble signing on, just contact us and we would be happy to send you a direct link.

We couldn't be more excited about our **National/International Championship for 2008** with teams from Australia and Japan already confirmed. We will also feature the **Dallas Cowboys' Cheerleaders** as guest performers at this event and they will also be there to autograph group photos as well. There are over 140 teams competing at this event in all levels. If you would like to see a copy of last year's schedule to see how the weekend lays out, just contact me and I will send you one from either Nationals or any of our regional contests that might interest you.

If you are looking for a destination contest, we have events in Galveston, South

Padre Island, Santa Fe, and also have feature trips to New York and California and a cruise to Mexico. For more information about the fun and activities your team can enjoy at any of the destinations, contact **ATS Tours and Travel** at ats@atstoursandtravel.com

Inspiration of the Week:

Vitamins for the Mind by Jim Rohn **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY** **by Jim Rohn**

Don't become a victim of yourself. Forget about the thief waiting in the alley; what about the thief in your mind?

It is not what happens that determines the major part of your future. What happens, happens to us all. It is what you do about what happens that counts.

You say, "The country is messed up." That's like cursing the soil and the seed and the sunshine and the rain, which is all you've got. Don't curse all you've got. When you get your own planet, you can rearrange this whole deal. This one you've got to take like it comes.

Walk away from the 97% crowd. Don't use their excuses. Take charge of your own life.

Take advice, but not orders. Only give yourself orders. Abraham Lincoln once said, "Since I will be no one's slave, I will be no one's master."

You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself. That is something you have charge of. You don't have charge of the constellations, but you do have charge of whether you read, develop new skills, and take new classes.

Your paycheck is not your employer's responsibility, it's your responsibility. Your employer has no control over your value, but you do.

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