



American Weekly Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day:

“Deliberate often —decide once.” Latin proverb

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“He who does not look ahead remains behind.” Spanish proverb

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“There are no modern pain medicine as effective as a mother’s kiss.” author unknown

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“Sooner or later, we are all asked to compromise ourselves and the things we care about. We define ourselves by our actions. With each decision, we tell ourselves and the world who we are. Think about what you want out of this life and recognize that there are many kinds of success.” Bill Atterson, cartoonist

American Update:

Many dance teams are concluding their tryouts and making plans for a new year, a new team. I want to remind you to also think about starting an **En Croix** chapter at your school. It is a *‘fellowship for Christian dancers’* that meets once a month and has many exciting and fun projects throughout the year. You can learn more about En Croix at www.encroix.org. This year, through a generous donation from Shields of Strength, we have free ‘dog tag’ type necklaces to give to each member this year while the supply lasts. Make sure to get your chapter registered and request your necklaces for each member to wear proudly!

Sunday will be Mother’s Day when we honor our moms for all they have taught us and done for us. I was looking through my passages about moms and found the passage below that made me relate to every single one of the things I learned from my own mother. I had a few chuckles and hope you do as well. Share with your mom. She will appreciate it!

Inspiration of the Week:

What My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE:

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside - I just finished cleaning!"

My mother taught me RELIGION:

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL:

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me LOGIC:

"Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT:

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me IRONY:

"Keep laughing and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS:

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper!"

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM:

"Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA:

"You'll sit there 'til all that spinach is finished."

My mother taught me about WEATHER:

"It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."

My mother taught me how to solve PHYSICS PROBLEMS:

"If I yelled because I saw a meteor coming toward you; would you listen then?"

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY:

"If I've told you once, I've told you a million times Don't Exaggerate!!!"

My mother taught me THE CIRCLE OF LIFE:

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION:

"Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY:

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"

THANKS, MOM!

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