



American Weekly Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day:

“If you do not ask yourself what it is you know, you will go on listening to others and change will not come because you will not her a your own truth.” St. Bartholomew (c. 1st century A.D.) missionary

“Criticism is ... always a kind of compliment.” John Maddox

“It is the ultimate wisdom of the mountains that we are never so much human as when we are striving for what is beyond our grasp, and that there is no battle worth the winning save that against our own ignorance and fear.” James Ramsey Ullman (1907-1971) mountaineer and writer

“Approach every task as though it were the moment that will define you.” Jol Dantzig, guitar designer and builder

American Update:

It is hard to believe that the summer has flown by so quickly and school is back in session. The first football games will be this weekend and the halftime will be back in the spotlight again. We are delighted to have watched such great feats at the Olympics over the past couple of weeks and are all inspired. We are proud of the Texas State University Strutters for making it to the semi-finals of “America’s Got Talent” and will be featured on September 2nd. It is a great accomplishment as well as bringing precision dance teams to a new level. Make sure to vote for the Strutters!

(www.nbc.com/Americas_Got_Talent)

With summer camps just completed, we are focusing on our **2009 Competition Season**. Make sure to visit our web site for more information on dates and locations

(www.DanceADTS.com). Our **National/International Championship will be March 27-28, 2009**, at the University of North Texas just north of Dallas. We are excited to announce that there are teams returning to our event from Japan and there are dance teams from China that are interested as well. These teams, in addition to college dance teams, high school, junior and all star teams will compete for some of the most prestigious awards on the planet. Featured pro teams including the Dallas Mavericks' Dancers and Dallas Cowboy's Cheerleaders will be there as well. We hope to see you and your team at this great event.

Inspiration of the Week:

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STRENGTH AND COURAGE

It takes strength to be firm.
It takes courage to be gentle.

It takes strength to stand guard.
It takes courage to let down your guard.

It takes strength to conquer
It takes courage to surrender.

It takes strength to be certain.
It takes courage to have doubt.

It takes strength to fit in.
It takes courage to stand out.

It takes strength to feel a friend's pain.
It takes courage to feel your own pain.

It takes strength to hide feelings.
It takes courage to show them.

It takes strength to endure abuse.
It takes courage to stop it.

It takes strength to stand alone.
It takes courage to lean on another.

It takes strength to love.
It takes courage to be loved.

It takes strength to survive.
It takes courage to live.
-- Author Unknown

"....as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage...." (Joshua 1:5b-6a)

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