

# American Weekly Inspiration

## Thoughts for today and every day:

“Life is pretty simple: You do some stuff. Most fails. Some works. You do more stuff that works. If it works big, others quickly copy it. Then you do something else. The trick is the *doing something else.*” Tom Peters

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“The world has a way of giving what is demanded of it. If you are frightened and look for failure and poverty, you will find them, no matter how hard you may try to succeed. Lack of faith in yourself, in what life will do for you, cuts you off from the good things of the world. Expect victory and you make victory.” Pristine Bradley

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“Real success is finding your life’s work in the work that you love.” Davis McCullough

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“Toughness and perseverance require a willingness to work hard, even when things are difficult. They also help encourage others to work just as hard as you do.” Randy Dutton

## American Update:

We have just returned from our granddaughter’s college graduation and will see thousands of students graduate from high school in the coming weeks. It is a crossroads in life that sends you down a path towards the future. There are always options for the right path to take and so many times we are so determined to create a path of our own, we forget to listen to our soul for the right answers. Hopefully the quotes above will be an inspiration to many graduates who are standing at the crossroads of the next step in life. Congratulations and good luck to all the graduates of 2009. May God shed a light on your path as you head into a bright future!

Summer is upon us and we head out to our first camp of the summer in Kansas. We always look forward to this camp kicking off our summer tour! For many of you as individuals, make sure to keep in mind our fabulous *Jazz Camps for individuals* that want to strengthen their dance skills. We have six Jazz Camp locations and dates to choose from. These are commuter camps that offer exceptional dance technique classes, exciting routines on an intermediate to advanced level as well as the fun and excitement of taking your dance skills to the top! Campers will also receive a FREE Jazz Camp t-shirt and music CD, with the routine notes accessible online. You can find out more about these and other summer camp programs at [www.DanceADTS.com](http://www.DanceADTS.com).

This is the last of the American Inspirations for this school year. You will receive your

next message on Wednesday, August 26th, when you head back to school. Have a great summer, and please, make sure to *keep in touch!*

## Inspiration of the Week: A Wonderful Message *by George Carlin*

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints.

We spend more, but have less. We buy more, but enjoy less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small

character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two income but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes.

These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

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