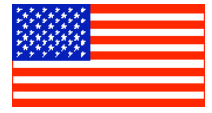




American Inspiration



Thoughts for today and every day . . .

“The only rose without thorns is friendship.”
Madeleine de Scudery



“To conquer without risk is to triumph without glory.”
Pierre Corneille



“The only way to get positive feelings about yourself is to take positive actions. Man does not live as he thinks, he thinks as he lives.” Vaughan Quinn



“Keep your feet on the ground, but let your heart soar as high as it will. Refuse to be average or to surrender to the chill of your environment.” A.W. Tozer

American Update

Now that football season is coming to a close and your team is looking for some fresh choreography, consider one of the One Day Dance Intensives that may be in your area. Coming up before the end of the year:

Nov. 13th Richland College Dallas, TX

featuring Gregory King, guest dance master

Dec. 11th PSJA North HS Pharr, Tx

featuring 4-6 exciting new routines

For more locations and dates in 2011, visit our web site and link to **One Day Dance Intensives**.

Pre-register online and pay at the door.

Inspiration of the Week

"Cracked"

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole, which she carried across Her neck.

One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments.

But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After 2 years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?"

"That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them."

"For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

SO, to all of my crackpot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path.

Live simply.

Love generously.
Care deeply.
Speak kindly.
Leave the rest to God.

Blessed are the cracked: For it is they who let in the light

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