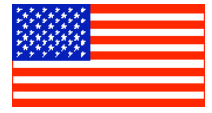




American Inspiration



Thoughts for today and every day . . .

“The private and personal blessings we enjoy, the blessings of immunity, safeguard, liberty and integrity, deserve the thanksgiving of a whole lifetime.” Jeremy Taylor



“The meaning of our life is the road, not the goal. For each answer is elusive, each fulfillment melts away between our fingers, and the goal is no longer a goal once it is attained.” Arthur Schnitzler



“One’s friends are that part of the human race with which one can be human.” George Santayana



“If you look at yourself on the level of historical time, as a tiny but influential part of a century-long process, then at least you can begin to know your own address. You can begin to sense the greater pattern, and feel where you are within it, and your acts take on meaning.” Michael Ventura

American Update

With Thanksgiving behind us, and 24 days until Christmas, 2010 seems to be slipping away quickly. So much to do, so little time! It has truly been a great year. We hope that you were able to watch and enjoy the Spirit of America Dance Team that performed at the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade™ on Thanksgiving morning. To see photos and video from the week in NYC, go to our *American Dance/Drill Team* Facebook page and click “Like.” We love our fans of our *FACEBOOK* page and post photos and videos weekly.

Inspiration of the Week

Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so... love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.

**Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!
Have a blessed, garbage-free day!**

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