

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .

“Let us labor to acquire knowledge, to break down the barriers of prejudice and oppression believing, that if not for us, for another generation there is a brighter day in store.” Charlotte Forten

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“Progress is the sum of all victories won by individual human beings.” Bruce Catton

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“What the heart knows today, the head will understand tomorrow.” James Stephens

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“The day you stop learning is the day you begin decaying, and then you are no longer a human being.” Isaac Asimov

American Update

We continue to have some fantastic contests each weekend. The contests in Galveston and San Antonio had some of the best competitive teams we have seen all season! We have three more regional competitions before Nationals at UNT at the end of the month. One regional is our Santa Fe competition in New Mexico. It is a perfect time of year to head to the mountains and enjoy the beauty of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. It is a great travel venue for your team to get to ski, shop and compete in a great location!

Right now, our national championship has over 110 teams, including one from Japan, while our American Collegiate Championship division has 20 college teams! It will be a great opportunity for high school seniors to check out the college dance programs and scholarships by visiting their recruiting tables at the event. To find out more about our American National/International Championship, visit our web site at www.DanceADTS.com.

Inspiration of the Week

Eight Choices You Can Make Today that Will Change Your Life Forever

by Chris Widener

The direction of our lives is determined by the choices we make every day. They accumulate and add up to our ultimate destiny. Here are eight choices you can make - choices that will create for you a life of abundance and prosperity in all areas of your life.

- 1. Choose to grow personally.** This sounds simple but many people only wish to grow personally. They never choose to grow by taking action, such as actually exercising, saving more money etc. Make a decision today to be a person who is on the never ending journey of personal growth.
- 2. Choose to always treat others right.** We come across all sorts of people, many of whom will treat us poorly. We can choose to treat them right, no matter how they treat us. When they lie, we will tell the truth. When they cheat, we will play by the rules. We may get the short end of the stick some times, but in the long-run we will win. And most importantly, we will be able to sleep at night.
- 3. Choose to break a bad habit.** Take the biggie first. Tackle it head on. If you don't know what it is, ask a friend. Then spend every effort you can to break that habit. Forget about the others, as you will get to them later. Stop smoking, get out of debt, lose your excess weight. Exercise the power to choose!
- 4. Choose to work smarter.** Many people I work with feel like they are out of balance. One of the first things I do is try to find out how much time they are wasting at work, which makes them work longer, which throws the rest of their life into chaos. Getting your work done by diligently working in the time you have will free your life up extraordinarily.
- 5. Choose to see your work as a way to help others, and not a way to make money.** If you put your heart into helping others, the money will most assuredly come. Spend time helping others grow and your finances will grow with it.
- 6. Choose to become balanced spiritually, emotionally and physically.** Our lives are best when we have these three major areas in balance. Spend some time cultivating your spirituality, becoming emotionally healthy, and physically fit.
- 7. Choose to sow more than you reap.** There are many takers in this world, but our lives will be better as we become givers. The world will become better as we become givers. Give away your time, give away your money, give away your love.
- 8. Choose to get home for dinner more often.** The family is the most important group of people you will ever belong to. Make a decision today to grow in your relationship with your parents, siblings, spouse and children. This one choice you will never regret.

One of my favorite quotes: "The history of free men is never written by chance, but by choice - their choice." Dwight D. Eisenhower

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