

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .

“Peace takes the will, the courage, and the hope of the whole village, but starts with the individual.” Yo-Yo Ma

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“We are temporary stewards with an obligation to manage the inheritance in such a way that it can be passed along even better and stronger than it was when we received it.” Robert L. Payton

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“Everything has to be taken on trust; truth is only that which is taken to be true. It’s the currency of living. There may be nothing behind it, but it doesn’t make any difference so long as it is honoured.” Tom Stoppard

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“Grasping for the future does provide hope for tomorrow. But the true richness in life can only be found in the simple pleasures of this day.”

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American Update

There is only a few weeks left until school is out for the summer. Time is passing so quickly!! We hope that you will include American in your summer camp plans.

We just found out about a new social networking site that may be useful to you and your teams. It is called **MundoTribu.com** and can have a network that is password protected for your team members and parents. Visit their web site to see all the new features and watch for a Dance Team Tribe to appear soon!

For those dancers ready to graduate from high school and older, the **Radio City Music Hall Rockettes** are having a workshop in Austin at the University of Texas on May 25th. You must be at least 18 years of age, between 5' 6" and 5' 10 ½" tall, and be proficient in tap, jazz and ballet. They will select a winner to get free flight and accommodations in NYC for the audition there. For more information contact Shannon Boggus at 512/773-7249.

Inspiration of the Week

Don't Put Your Life On Layaway

Why do we sometimes put our lives on layaway? You know what I'm talking about here, don't you? Far too often we put our hopes, dreams and aspirations "on hold" while we wait for the perfect time or perfect place to get the ball rolling. Why are we so willing to wait on this or that happening before we start happening ourselves? Instead of making the most of every moment, we make excuses and put things off instead. Unknowingly, we put our lives on layaway.

The most successful in any field have long since learned that success just does not work in this fashion. A winner knows that waiting, delaying or putting off are nice ways of saying that you are stopping for the time being. And stopping won't get you where you truly want to go, will it?

Waiting around just does not make any sense whatsoever to winners. Winners are never willing to wait on anything or anyone because they know they **have what it takes to do it themselves** right now. These self-assured winners ignore the stop signs of life. They are always ready and raring to go, holding nothing back or in reserve as they strive to make today the best day of their lives.

Isn't it high time that you have some fun and start experiencing all of the unbridled excitement life has to offer? Isn't it high time that you commit to living each day with all of the passion and purpose you can muster? Isn't it high time that you get up, get going and then keep going – reaching higher, pushing harder while propelling yourself toward your date with destiny?

Once you stop making excuses and start making history, you will discover that life is just too much fun to ever put it on layaway again.

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