

# American Inspiration

## Thoughts for today and every day . . .



✓“The future belongs to those who see the possibilities before they become obvious.” John Sculley

✓“You need to live with a clock and a compass. The clock helps you deal with the routine issues of life. The compass sets the direction for your life and gives you a vision. It drives you to your goals.” Stephen Covey

✓“The rich man who achieves a degree of greatness achieves it not because he hoards his wealth, but because he gives it away in the interest of good causes.” Benjamin Mays

✓“People who light up your life usually know where the switch is.” Author unknown



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## Inspiration of the Week

### All in the Same Boat

John C. Maxwell author of “Leadership: Promises for every day”

*Excerpted from “The 17 Essential Qualities of a Team Player”*

The quality most needed among teammates amidst the pressure of a difficult challenge is collaboration. Becoming a collaborative team player requires a change in four areas:

1. **Perception:** See teammates as collaborators, not competitors—completing one another is more important than competing with one another.
2. **Attitude:** Be supportive, not suspicious, of teammates—if you trust people, you will treat them better. And both you and they will be more likely to create collaborative relationships.
3. **Focus:** Concentrate on the team, not yourself—author Cavett Roberts points out, “True progress in any field is a relay race and not a solo.” If you focus on the team and not just yourself, you will be

able to pass the baton when necessary.

4. **Results:** Create great victories through multiplication—collaboration has a multiplying effect on everything you do because it releases and harnesses not only your skills but those of everyone on the team.

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