

# American Inspiration

## Thoughts for today and every day . . .



✓“You can be successful and be honest. You can be successful and be ethical. You can be successful and keep your values. In other words, you can be successful and stand for what’s right.” J.C. Watts

✓“Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration.” Thomas Edison

✓“We should not permit our grievances to overshadow our opportunities.” Booker T. Washington

✓“A man’s kind deeds are used as seed in the Garden of Eden; thus every man creates his own Paradise.” Dov Ber



## American Update

Coming up this month, we look ahead to the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade™ with Spirit of America Productions. We will be posting information on the network to watch on TV as well as the approximate performance slot in the parade. What a great time to be in New York City and enjoy all the sights and beginnings of the Christmas season!

Speaking of Christmas, we will have over 125 dancers in the Salado Christmas Parade on December 1<sup>st</sup>. There are dancers from all over the area that will be a part of the Central Texas Honor Dance Team and enjoy kicking off the festivities of the Salado Christmas Stroll that takes place the first and second weekend of December. Learn more about the Christmas Stroll and other wonderful holiday activities at [www.Salado.com](http://www.Salado.com).

Make sure that your team, or network of social or work friends, plan a special Christmas project that will benefit a family in your area. There is nothing more rewarding than giving a family a wonderful Christmas and enjoying their excitement to know that you care. Now is the time to get the project started!



## Inspiration of the Week

## Coming Together As a Team

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

As people who care about each other grow together and work toward a common goal, they get to know

each other better. They begin to recognize and appreciate each person's unique qualities, and that leads to the development of a team "fit."

A good team fit requires an attitude of partnership. Every team member must respect the other participants. They must desire to contribute to the team, and they must come to expect a contribution from every other person. Above all, they must learn to trust each other. Trust makes it possible for people to rely on one another. It allows them to make up for each other's weaknesses instead of trying to exploit them. It enables one team member to say to the other, "You go ahead and take my place this week as you are better at the performance than I am," without shame or manipulation. Trust allows the people on the team to begin working as a single unit, to begin accomplishing the things that they together recognize as important.

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