

# American Inspiration

## Thoughts for today and every day . . .



√“Love is a gift, you can’t buy it, you can’t find it; someone has to give it to you. Learn to be receptive of that gift.” Kurt Langer

√“The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible.” Arthur C. Clarke

√“Life is movement. It’s the person who sits on the couch who’s living dangerously.” Grete Waitz

√“Man’s mind, stretched to a new idea, never goes back to its original dimensions.” Oliver Wendell Holmes



## American Update

We were able to see many fantastic halftime videos posted on *Facebook* pages last weekend. It looks like the kick off to the season started with a *bang*, as the performances were superb! Speaking of *Facebook*, we have launched a new promotion on our **American Dance/Drill Team [Facebook Page](#)** for teams to post their new team photos and have their family and friends ‘Like’ the photo on our page. The promo will last for two weeks until September 15<sup>th</sup>. The teams with the most ‘Likes’ on their team photo will win contest scholarships for any American contest in 21012: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$300. 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$200, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100. Make sure to post your team photo today and tell all your fans!

For those dancers that are also have a singing talent, there is a new app that will help you train for musical theater and perhaps a career ahead! It is a phone app called “*Singing for Dancers: Female*,” created by Liz Caplan, vocal production coach for Broadway’s *Book of Mormon*, *Rock of Ages*, *American Idiot* and *Wicked*. It is presented by Dance Spirit Magazine as the first app specially designed for dancers. You can find it on the iTunes Store and is compatible for iPhone, iPad, iTouch, and Droid.



## Inspiration of the Week

### Recruit People Who Seize Opportunities

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

*Many people are able to recognize an opportunity after it’s already passed them by. That’s pretty easy. Opportunities are seldom labeled. That’s why you have to learn what they look like—and how to seize them.*

*The best people to take with you on a leadership journey don't simply sit back and wait for opportunities to come to them. They make it their responsibility to go out and find them.*

*Good potential leaders don't rely on luck. As Walter P. Chrysler said, "The reason so many people never get anywhere in life is because when opportunity knocks, they are out in the backyard looking for four leaf clovers."*

*Of the people around you, who always seems able to recognize opportunities and grab hold of them? The people with those qualities are the one you are probably going to want to take with you.*

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