

# American Inspiration

## Thoughts for today and every day . . .



√“Failure is, in a sense, the highway to success, inasmuch as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true, and every fresh experience points out some form of error which we shall afterward carefully avoid.” William Kits

√“Motivation is not a matter of will-power; it is a matter of want-power.” Paul Karasik

√“There aren’t any timeouts in life. The clock is always running.” Andy Stanley

√“A bend in the road is not the end of the road, unless we fail to make the turn.” Author Unknown



## American Update

This past week we have witnessed terrible flooding on the East Coast and horrific fires across Texas that have destroyed thousands of homes and businesses. Please remember the thousands of families that are displaced and, if you are able, lend a helping hand or make a donation that will help them.

This week, our 2012 Competition registration went ‘live’ on our web site. Those directors that want to get an early start at registering for contests can go online and submit their events. You can always go back in and modify the events up until 2 weeks prior to the competition. Those teams registering and paying for 2012 Contest fees by December 1<sup>st</sup>, will receive a 10% discount, as long as you are paid in full by that date. Make sure to request the discount in the comments box on the online form. To find out more about our 2012 Competitions, please visit our web site at [www.DanceADTS.com](http://www.DanceADTS.com)

Make sure to post your team photo on our American Dance/Drill Team [Facebook](#) page and have your friends and family ‘like’ the photo on that page. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, we will close the promotion and the top three teams will receive grants towards contest fees.



## Inspiration of the Week

### Leaders Touch a Heart Before They Ask for a Hand John C. Maxwell author of “Leadership: Promises for every day”

A leader can’t connect with people only when he is communicating among groups; he must connect with individuals. The stronger the relationship and connection between individuals, the more likely the follower will help the leader. Successful leaders always initiate; they take the first step and make the effort to continue building relationships.

Connecting with people isn't complicated, but it takes effort. Observe the truths about connection that were ignored:

- People are more willing to take action when you first move them with emotion.
- When you give first, people will give in return.
- When you connect with individuals, you gain the attention of many.
- When you reach out to people, they will reach back toward you.

Whether you have just taken over a leadership position or are well established, you must connect with your people if you are to succeed.

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