

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .



√“Dancing faces you towards Heaven, whichever direction you turn.” Sweetpea Tyler

√“The person who has not struggled with difficulty, after difficulty, cannot know the joy of genuine success. Face the problems, and fight your way over them. There is more satisfaction in putting forth effort than in gloating over easily won profits. The rungs in the ladder of success are composed of difficulties.” Author unknown

√“For myself, I am an optimist; it does not seem to be much use being anything else.” Winston Churchill

√“A boat doesn’t go forward if everyone is rowing their own way.” African proverb



American Update

We have seen some amazing teams and solos these past few weeks and looking forward to three more great events this weekend. Watch on our web site for the live stream from one of our contest locations and access this week’s schedules linked on our home page.

It is time to plan ahead for **National Dance Week** that is April 20-29th. There are many special activities planned including a flash mob hip hop to be broadcast from around the country. Learn more by going to our web site and seeing the link to National Dance Week on our home page (www.DanceADTS.com).

I hope everyone was watching the **Super Bowl XLVI** halftime this past Sunday to see the dancers that were featured with Madonna singing her new hit song, “*Give Me All Your Luv*in.” They were wearing the Go Go Flexors from **Happy Feet Boots!** Congratulations to Happy Feet for this great coverage of their incredible boots!



Inspiration of the Week

Share the Burden

John C. Maxwell author of “**Developing the Leaders Around You**”

Easing people into a delegation is important. You can't simply dump tasks on people, not if you want them to succeed. Delegate according to the following steps:

Ask them to be fact finders only. It gives them a chance to become acquainted with the issues and objectives.

Ask them to make suggestions. This gets them thinking and it gives you a chance to become acquainted with their thought processes.

Ask them to implement one of their recommendations, but only after you give your approval. Set them up for success and not failure.

Ask them to take action on their own, but to report the results immediately. This will give them confidence, and you will still be able to perform damage control if necessary.

Give complete authority. This is the final step—what you've been working toward.

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