

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .



✓“No man can wear one face to himself and another to the multitude without finally getting bewildered as to which may be true.” Nathaniel Hawthorne

✓“Nothing in life should be feared. It is only to be understood.” Marie Curie

✓“More good things in life are lost by indifference than ever were lost by active hostility.” Robert Gordon Menzies

✓“Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present.” Albert Camus



American Update

Happy Spring Break! Hope everyone is doing something fun and relaxing. We just finished two great contests this past weekend in Santa Fe, NM, and Lake Charles, LA. We saw some great teams and had a great time with all!

Next week we will welcome over 100 teams to our American National Championship and American Collegiate Championship! Make sure to watch the live webcasting from all three performance areas at the University of North Texas. You can access these pages on our web site at www.DanceADTS.com

We want to thank our corporate sponsors that contribute prizes, awards and gifts at Nationals: [Happy Feet Boots](#), Biogime, [Tote Unlimited](#), [Cicci's Dancewear](#) and [Doughmakers](#). We hope to see many of you there!



Inspiration of the Week

Say No to the Status Quo

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

Status Quo is the Latin phrase for “the mess we’re in.” Leaders see what is, but they also have a vision for what could be. They are never content with things as they are. To be leading, by definition, is to be in front, breaking new ground, conquering new worlds, moving away from the status quo.

Dissatisfaction with the status quo does not mean having a negative attitude or grumbling. It has to do with a willingness to be different and to take risks. A person who refuses to risk change fails to grow. A leader who loves the status quo soon becomes a follower. Raymond Smith of Bell Atlantic Corporation once remarked, *“Taking the safe road, doing your job, and not making any waves may not get you fired (right away, at least), but it sure won’t do much for your career or your company over the long haul. We’re not dumb. We know that administrators are easy to find and cheap to keep. Leaders—risk takers—are in very short supply. And ones with vision are pure gold.”*

Risk seems dangerous to many people because they are more comfortable with the old problems versus what it takes to come up with new solutions. The difference is attitude. When you seek your potential leaders, seek people who seek solutions.

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