

# American Inspiration

## Thoughts for today and every day . . .



√“Do not confuse motion and progress. A rocking horse keeps moving but does not make any progress.” Alfred A. Montapert

√“Confidence comes not from always being right but from not fearing to be wrong.” Peter R. McIntyre

√“Every thought is a seed. If you plant crabapples, don’t count on harvesting Golden Delicious.” Bill Meyer

√“The best way of forgetting how you think you feel is to concentrate on what you know you know.” Mary Stewart



## American Update

Many of the dance teams are having team and officer tryouts the month of April. It is an important time to select the team or officers that will make or break the success of the coming school year. Make sure to resource our [Education Support](#) page on our web site for many support articles, helpful hints, preparation and tryout forms.

After you have selected your team or officers, make sure you make the right choices for your fundraising, uniforms, dancewear and other supplies. Remember our special American friends at [Doughmakers](#) (fundraising), [Biogime](#) (performance makeup), [Tote Unlimited](#) (bags, and other supplies), [Cicci’s Dancewear](#), [Happy Feet Boots](#), and plan your trip with [ATS Tours and Travel!](#)



## Inspiration of the Week

## Finding Your Place

John C. Maxwell author of “The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork”

Right now you may not be in a position to place others on your team. In fact, you may be thinking to yourself, How do I find my own niche? If that’s the case, then follow these guidelines:

**Be secure**—If you allow your insecurities to get the better of you, you’ll be inflexible and reluctant to change. An, you cannot grow without change.

**Get to know yourself**—Spend time reflecting and exploring your fits. Ask for feedback. Do what it takes to remove personal blind spots.

**Trust your leader**—A good leader will help you to start moving in the right direction. Or, get on another team.

**See the big picture**—Your place on the team only makes sense in the contest of the big picture. If your only motivation for finding your niche is personal gain, your poor motives may prevent you from discovering what you desire.

**Rely on your experience**—The only way to know that you've discovered your niche is to try what seems right and learn from your failures and successes. When you discover what you were made for, your heart sings.

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