

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .



√“Once you get rid of the idea that you must please other people before you please yourself, and you begin to follow your own instincts—only then can you be successful. You become more satisfied, and when you are, other people tend to be satisfied by what you do.” Raquel Welch

√“Even when you think you have your life all mapped out, things happen that shape your destiny in ways you might never have imagined.” Deepak Chopra

√“You find yourself refreshed in the presence of cheerful people. Why not make an honest effort to confer that pleasure on others? Half the battle is gained if you never allow yourself to say anything gloomy.” Lydia M. Child

√“The test of tolerance comes when we are in a majority; the test of courage comes when we are in a minority.” Ralph W. Sockman



American Update

Today we posted our 2013 Contest dates on our web site. There are still a few to be confirmed, but most will be the dates posted. Make sure to mark your calendars and start to think ahead about the contest locations you want to attend with your team.

Good luck to all of the college teams this week as they compete in Daytona Beach, Florida! Special well wishes go to the college teams that competed in our 2012 American Collegiate Championship in Denton. Break a leg!! Go for the gold!

We also send our well wishes to the [Kilgore College Rangerettes](#) that have their Revels show this week. Congratulations to all of the college dance teams that will be holding their spring productions. It is a great way to introduce your teams to so many wonderful college dance programs.



Inspiration of the Week

The Right Attitude Comes First

John C. Maxwell author of “The Maxwell Leadership Bible”

Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.” But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.” Numbers 13:30-31

How could there be such differing opinions on the same topic? It is because there was a difference in attitude. And attitude makes all the difference. The development of a positive attitude is the first conscious step toward becoming an effective leader. Successful leadership cannot be constructed without this crucial building block. Check out the following attitude axioms suggested by the words and actions of Joshua and Caleb:

1. Our attitude determines our approach to life.
2. Our attitude determines our relationships with people.
3. Our attitude is often the only difference between success and failure.
4. Our attitude at the beginning of a task will affect its outcome more than anything else.
5. Our attitude can turn problems into blessings.
6. Our attitude is not automatically good just because we belong to God.

This weekly message is generated from:

Joyce Pennington, Pres. CEO



Celebrating over 50 years

Established in 1958

800/462-5719 DanceADTS.com

To be removed from the weekly American Inspiration (sent each Wednesday during the school year), simply reply to this e-mail with [Remove](#) in the subject line. To see past weekly inspirational messages, go to this page and link to archives page on The Line Online page on our web site.