

AMERICAN INSPIRATION

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY AND EVERY DAY . . .



√“LOVE MAKES YOUR SOUL CRAWL OUT FROM ITS HIDING PLACE.” ZORA NEALE HURSTON

√“YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD, NEVER TOO BAD, NEVER TOO LATE, AND NEVER TOO SICK TO START FROM SCRATCH ONCE AGAIN.” BIKRAM CHOUDHURY

√“TO EXPERIENCE THE AGONY OF DEFEAT MAKES YOU STRONGER. IT’S LIKE TAKING ONE STEP BACK AND TWO STEPS FORWARD. TO EXPERIENCE THE AGONY OF DEFEAT MAKES YOU APPRECIATE THE EXPERIENCE OF WINNING. THAT’S WHAT MAKES A CHAMPION.” LEON SPINKS

√“IF YOU FIND A PATH WITH NO OBSTACLES ON IT, CHANCES ARE IT DOESN’T LEAD ANYWHERE.” AUTHOR UNKNOWN



AMERICAN UPDATE

We currently have the dates for the [2013 Contests](#) posted on our web site. There are just a few that are waiting to be confirmed with the school calendar meetings take place in May. Now is the time to start thinking about where you want to take your team to contest next season. The American 2013 Contest Season promises some new and exciting additions that will make your team’s experience even better than ever!

We are already receiving many team registrations for summer camps. Keep in mind if you have students that may need additional financial help, they can apply for a limited number of camp scholarships offered each year. Keep in mind for every 25 paid students that attend one of our camps, your team will receive one complimentary camp fee that you can award to a deserving student. Make sure to visit our [Summer Camp](#) page for more information.

Also, we have launched a special promotion on our American Dance/Drill Team [Facebook](#) page. Post your favorite team snapshot from this year, have all your fans and families “Like” the photo on our page, then May 1st we will award the team with the most “Likes” a full camp scholarship for one student; second place will get a \$200 scholarship and third place a \$100 scholarship. This might help a member of your team be able to go to camp!

April 20-29th is **National Dance Week**. Visit [their web site](#) for special Flash Mob dance choreography and activities you can do with your dance classes or team to celebrate this special week!



INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

Picking Your Team

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

Red Auerback, long-time president of the Boston Celtics, said, “*How you select people is more important than how you manage them once they are on the job. If you start with the right people, you won’t have problems later on.*” You have to begin with the right raw materials in order to create a winning team.

I want the people close to me to:

Know my heart: This takes time fro both of us an desire on their part.

Be loyal to me: They are an extension of me and my work.

Be trustworthy: They must not abuse authority, power or confidences.

Be discerning: They make decisions for me.

Have a servant’s heart: They carry a heavy load because of my high demands.

Be a good thinker: Our two heads are better than my one.

Be able to follow through: They take authority and carry out the vision.

Have a great heart for God: My heart for God is my driving force in life.

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