

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .



✓“You don’t pick dance; dance picks you.” Martha Graham

✓“If I could tell you what it meant, there would be no point in dancing it.” Isadora Duncan

✓“When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor; it’s to enjoy each step along the way.” Wayne Dyer

✓“Life’s a dance you learn as you go. Sometimes you lead, sometimes you follow.” John Michael Montgomery



American Update

We are being flooded with **camp and private camp reservations**. Many of you have had tryouts and getting your new team ready for camp. For some of the June camps that are at hotels, make sure to secure your hotel reservations early so that you will not miss the deadline and get your rooms. Visit our web site on our [Summer Camp page](#) to find out more details.

Reserve your **Private Camp** date today! We have two weeks of summer that are already at capacity and others are near capacity for staffing. Get a bid for your camp at no obligation to you by going to our [Private Camp page](#) on our web site.

We have finalized our performance date for the **SMU Football Extravaganza** as Saturday, November 10th. This is a great opportunity to perform at an NCAA football game for a one day performance venue at an affordable price. Learn more about this performing opportunity, along with the **Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade™** and the **Capital One Bowl**, on our [Special Events page](#) on our web site.



Inspiration of the Week

Competence Doesn’t Compensate for Insecurity

John C. Maxwell author of “The 21 Indisputable Laws of a Leader”

Insecure leaders are dangerous—to themselves, their followers, and the organizations they lead. That’s because a leadership position becomes an amplifier of personal flaws. Whatever negative baggage you have in life, only gets heavier when you’re trying to lead others.

Unsecure leaders have several common traits:

1. **They don’t provide security for others**—To become an effective leader, you need to make your followers feel good about themselves.

2. **They take more from people than they give**—Insecure people are on a continual quest for validation, acknowledgment, and love. Because of that, their focus is on finding security, not instilling it in others.
3. **They continually limit their best people**—Show me an insecure leader, and I'll show you someone who cannot genuinely celebrate victories. The leader might even take credit personally for the best work of the team.
4. **They continually limit their organization**—When followers are undermined and receive no recognition, they become discouraged and eventually stop performing at their potential. And, when this happens, the entire organization suffers.

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