

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .



✓“When you stop expecting people to be perfect, you can like them for who they are.” Donald Miller

✓“Life is not a struggle; life is a challenge. Consequently, most of our wounds are self-inflicted.” Joan Hackner

✓“The business man says, *If I don't do it first, somebody else will.* The artist says, *If I don't do it first, nobody else will.*” Leroy Neiman

✓“The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people halfway.” Henry Boye



American Update

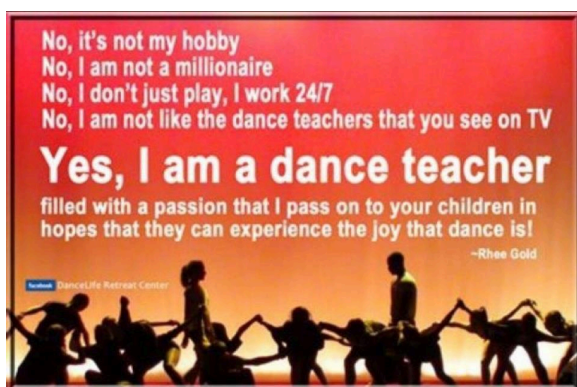
We have had an amazing response to our **Special Events** this year. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade™ is at capacity. Our other events have just a few spots left but have extended the deadlines until they are full. These include: the Capital One Bowl, London New Years Parade, and the SMU Football Extravaganza. Visit our [Special Events page](#) for registration information.

We launched our **2013 Contest Registration** yesterday and have been flooded with teams wanting to register early to get the special 10% discount on entry fees. For more information on our 2013 Competitions, visit [our web site](#).

Last Thursday we launched a special promotion on our American Dance/Drill Team Facebook page for teams to post their team photos and then have their family and friends go to our page, “Like” the page, then “Like” the team photo. The team with the most “Likes” on their photo by Monday at 10:00am, will receive a \$500 American Contest Gift Certificate. Second place receives \$300 gift certificate and third place, \$200 gift certificate. It's not too late to get started! Visit us on [Facebook](#)!



Inspiration of the Week



Me First

By John C. Maxwell *The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork*

People always project on the outside how they feel on the inside. Have you ever interacted with someone for the first time and suspected that their attitude was poor, yet you were unable to put your finger on exactly what was wrong? Here are six common attitudes that ruin a team so that you

can recognize them for what they are when you see them.

- An inability to admit wrongdoing
- Failing to forgive
- Petty jealousy
- The disease of *Me*
- A critical spirit
- A desire to hog all the credit

Certainly this isn't every bad attitude—just the most common ones. Simply put, most bad attitudes are the result of selfishness. If one of your teammates puts others down, sabotages teamwork, or makes themselves out to be more important than the team, then you can be sure that you've encountered someone with a bad attitude.

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