

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .



- ✓ “Creativity requires the courage to let go of certainties.” Erich Fromm
- ✓ “There are two kinds of light—the glow that illuminates, and the glare that obscures.” James Thurber
- ✓ “Imagination is the outreaching of the mind . . . the bombardment of the conscious mind with ideas, impulses, images, and every sort of psychic phenomena welling up from the preconscious. It’s the capacity of dream dreams and see visions.” Rollo May
- ✓ “You don’t get harmony when everybody sings the same note.” Doug Floyd



American Update

Even though we are still at the beginning of school and football season, we have had an enormous response to contest registration. Many teams are anxious to take advantage of the 10% discount for registering and paying by December 1st. Make sure to visit our web site at DanceADTS.com for dates and locations of 2013 American Competitions.

Inspiration of the Week

Boosting Low Morale

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

When morale is low, the leader must do productive things to give the team a boost. In the beginning, any movement is a great victory. But to create positive morale, you need to pick up some speed. You need to be productive. After all, you can't steer a parked car! To get the team moving:

Model behavior that has a high return—People do what people see. The best way for them to learn what you expect of them is to model it yourself.

Develop relationships with people of potential—To get any team going in the right direction, you need players who can produce. Find the people who have the potential to be productive and start with them. Don't ask too much of them too soon. Leaders touch a heart before they ask for a hand.

Set up small victories and talk teammates through them—Nothing helps people grow in a skill with confidence like having some wins under their belts. Begin with the people who have the greatest potential.

Communicate vision—Keep the vision before your team continually because vision gives team members direction and confidence.

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