

Inspiration: Who or what inspires you?

Who inspires you on that cold winter's day when you just don't want to face the world? What makes you push on through all of life's obstacles encouraging you to realize your dream? Each of us has different stories to tell of those who have pulled us from our depths of despair and have inspired us to have the will and spirit to win. Are you inspired by family, friends, acts of courage by others, inspirational leaders, or divine guidance?

Life has paved no smooth road for any of us. We have each chosen our path in life and must live with the results of our decisions. There are times when we make poor choices and there are times that we make remarkable ones. The more trials we must encounter, the more momentous and the higher in inspiration our lives will be. We are more than we think we are. Every individual has unlimited potential. Each of us has the power to be whatever it is we desire. You can live the life you have always wanted. Your success is relative to the intensity of your belief in yourself.



"Flaming enthusiasm, backed up by horse sense and persistence, is the quality that most frequently makes for success."
Dale Carnegie

Inspiration is a principle that we create in our minds that paints a portrayal of success that no one can take away from us. When someone is inspired, they change. They transform before our eyes. They do things that seem herculean and often against what might be popular. Colossal things happen when people are inspired. Inspiration will keep us moving forward when we are at our lowest point. Inspiration is what we feel deep in our soul when we want something

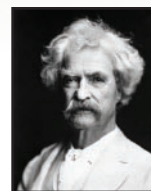
so bad that we're willing to do anything to reach our goal. It is our own driving force leading us to succeed, or at times it is divine intervention that propels us in a new direction. When I began this magazine, I had never written an article that was published, never took a photograph beyond a family photo, never sold advertising or designed a plan for an artistic layout. But I was inspired to create this magazine to inspire others. Inspiration refers to an unconscious burst of creativity; the word means "breathed upon." If you look at those in our history that have been inspired, they have taken a dream or passion deep within their soul and have then acted upon their desires and made them a reality. Whether it be Mozart composing a symphony, or Churchill inspiring his country of Great Britain to never, never give up to the Nazis, each of us can achieve the life that we are destined by our creator to achieve—no matter what the odds that are against us. Inspiration is the product of grace; it is unsolicited, unrestrained, and alluring. When someone is inspired they can achieve the highest plateaus of life, whatever their heart's desire. Life is not about finding yourself, it is about creating yourself. When we choose to live the life we were chosen for, then we will have a purpose.

"Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true."
Leon J. Suenes

There are times when we are unsure of the direction we are to take in life. To discover our inner dream and get enthused, seek things that gratify us, we must step back for a moment and look at the larger image. Inspiration will provide us with proven success ideologies that are simple,

inspirational, and motivational to help us achieve better results in our relationships, work, and business.

Get out of your mindless day-to-day activities so as to command more out of life. Realize your inner potential and arouse the undeveloped desires within you. Have higher dreams and set better goals.



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."
Mark Twain

Seek out the inspirational mentor who will give you a clear point of view or vision of what's possible in your life, and then find the motivational leader who believes in you and supports you reaching your goals. You can become the success that you always knew you could become; you can be the inspirational mentor for the next generation.



"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary."
Steve Jobs