



The Thinking Times

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The Trouble Tree

A carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farm house has just finished a rough day on the job. A flat tyre made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit and now his ancient truck refused to start. While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family.

As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss. Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me so I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

'Oh, that's my trouble tree,' he replied. 'I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing for sure, troubles don't belong at home with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again.'

'Funny thing is,' he smiled, 'when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before.'



Never be afraid to try something new.

Remember amateurs built the Ark,
professionals built the Titanic.

Why don't you?...

Walk up the hill to the flags and
take five minutes to reflect on your
time so far in the Field of Dreams.
What else would you like to achieve
this camp? Go make it happen!

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A young camper is swimming in a river.
A man walks up and asks him, "What
are you doing in there?"
He says, "I'm washing my clothes."
The man asks, "Why don't you use a
washing machine?"
The camper says, "I tried that,
but I got too dizzy." 

Great minds discuss ideas

Average minds discuss events

Small minds discuss people

- Eleanor Roosevelt



You have a gift of 86,400 seconds today.
How will you use them?

