

## Seeking Some Inspiration from Inspirational Stories?

I have spent a good amount of my time researching stories that offer listeners something more than simply a clever plot. Something that listeners can take away from the story. Maybe there is a message. Perhaps it gives a hint of direction. There could even be an outright moral. The name one might give to this ephemeral quality is not as important as the fact that the stories I tell actually possess it.

Even when I was growing up, I found myself deeply touched by inspirational stories. Both my mother and my grandfather told similar stories. Once in a while, a teacher would tell a story that held profound meaning to me. I noticed that stories with a message stuck in my memory. The messages stuck in the memory, too. The Golden Rule. Honesty is the best policy. Take time to smell the flowers. Give back to your community. I am who I am because of those messages.

Today I tell many of the stories I heard as a child. They have an ageless quality. The messages are as relevant now as they were long ago.

Whats so important about inspirational stories? First, consider the barrage of daily news and information. Next, we live lives that leave no room for reflection. In the absence of time and reflection, we have precious little available insight to bring to current affairs. This is where inspirational stories serve us well. Inspirational stories give listeners something to chew on. They give us something to consider. Something that points us a bit closer to our "true north." Something that offers a little perspective to life.

Looking for inspiration? You can find inspirational stories and more at [www.jaystetzer.com](http://www.jaystetzer.com). On the "Listen" page of my website, click any one of the story samples and you are likely to find a message worth your time. "The Egg Seller" and "Herschel and the Wedding" from the World Full of Stories CD are good examples of inspirational stories. "Service with a Smile" on my Parking in Manhattan CD offers the listener a great hidden lesson. Long after they are told, inspirational stories stay in the memory. I am even inspired by the inspirational stories I tell!

We live in a complex, fast moving world. We all need a bit of "inner" direction to guide us as we cruise down the highway of life. Inspirational stories help keep us on the road. Think of them as your own personal GPS! My recordings contain a wealth of inspirational stories. Listen for yourself!

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