

## Looking for Inspirational Stories?

I am always on the lookout for stories that bring something more to listeners than a clever twist of plot. Something that listeners can take away from the story. Maybe there is a message. It might give the listener a suggestion of a new 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.

As a child I found deep meaning in 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. There is no substitute for honesty. Take time to smell the flowers. Community giving is part of community living. Messages that made me who I am today.

I find myself using stories I heard long ago when I perform today. The stories are ageless. The messages of long ago still have merit in the world today.

Why seek out inspirational stories? For one thing, we experience a deluge of information and news on a daily basis. Second, the lives we live give us no breathing space to reflect. And without time to reflect, how can we develop insight into the affairs of the day? Here is the place for inspirational stories. 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.

Care for some inspiration? At [www.jaystetzer.com](http://www.jaystetzer.com) you can find memorable inspirational stories. 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. From the CD Parking in Manhattan, "Service with a Smile" brings a great message to the listener. Long after they are told, inspirational stories stay in the memory. In fact, the inspirational stories I tell even inspire me!

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 can help us in our travels. Think of them as your own personal GPS! There's a wealth of inspirational stories available on all of my recordings. Check them out!

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