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There are no problems;  
only challenges  
looking for solutions.

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### Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, Part I

It is written in our Declaration of Independence “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness”.

What do these words mean? The Declaration of Independence is very clear that as a legal citizen of this country I have the unalienable rights to my life, that the government will not trample my liberties, and that I have the opportunity to pursue happiness. I have the freedom to pursue my happiness but nowhere in any of our Nations founding documents does it say the government was going to hand it to me. Our country was founded on self-reliance and not reliance on anything from the government other than what is clearly stated in the Constitution of the United States of America.

People are willing to risk their lives to come to our Nation because we guarantee Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. We have laws that protect us instead of persecute us, we have a military that protects our way of life; we can choose where we want to live, decide what schools to attend and how much education we want to pursue. People in our Nation can set and obtain any goal they want as long as they are willing to work for it. The government is not going to hand you happiness but the Constitution guarantees your right to pursue happiness. In my opinion, we do live in the greatest nation on this earth and from my experience; I know that we as Americans have the best opportunity to be successful.

During the presidential campaign I had the opportunity to travel the entire state of Pennsylvania. In seven weeks I drove over 6000 miles and had talked to thousands of people of every race, color, creed, and religion. These fine Pennsylvanians represented the entire socio-economic spectrum. I even had the chance to speak with a gentleman who was campaigning to become the next President of the United States (he didn't win). As I spoke with many people what struck me as interesting

was that while some of these people had easily identifiable goals it seemed that the vast majority of them did not have any goals. In a previous newsletter (posted on my website) I discussed the importance of setting goals. I hope you have decided upon your goal.

As I've stated before without a goal a person's life is like a ship without a rudder. It is drifting along with the wind and tides going nowhere and hoping to drift into a safe harbor. As my father would always say “Son, if you do not know where you are and where you are going...then all roads lead there.” So where are you now and where are you going?

Without a goal there is no direction in a person's life and without direction you do not know where you are going let alone how to get there. A goal represents where you want to be in the future and it is then your job to bridge the gap of where you are now and where you want to be in the future.

Overcoming this difference is your job, no one – and certainly not the government – is going to help you accomplish your goal. No stimulus, no bailouts and no handouts. It is up to you and only you.

In part two, I will lay out some commonsense steps that you can take to accomplish any goal you set for yourself, your business, or career.

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*“Inventories can be managed, but people must be lead.” Ross Perot*

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