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Almost Always  
Great Simplifiers  
Gen. Colin Powell

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## Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, Part 2

In part one we discussed how we have the opportunity to pursue happiness in this country and that it is up to us to find that happiness. Your right to pursue happiness is something that this nation believes in so profoundly that it is in our Nations founding documents. What these documents do not state is that the government will guarantee you happiness. It is up to you to pursue (work for it) happiness but it is not guaranteed.

I stated that in order to achieve your happiness goals needed to be set and progressively achieved. We closed with the statement that it is your job to overcome the distance of where you are now and where you want to be in the future . Overcoming this gap is your job, no one—certainly not the government—is going to help you accomplish your goal. It is up to you and only you.

I have not nor will I ever believe in taking any type of handouts from anyone, especially the government. Now, do not get me wrong I have nothing against a hand up if someone has been knocked down or suffered a setback. A hand up is a helping hand intended to assist in a time of need that is temporary. This is very different from a handout.

A handout is giving something to someone not because they deserve it but because they think they are entitled to it. Our government has slowly created a dependency class by giving handouts to people who believe they are entitled to the benefits of other peoples hard work. The pride in achieving a goal through hard work cannot be accomplished by having something handed to you from someone or the government. In order to achieve anything in life it takes two things...goals and hard work.

If you are willing to put in the hard work here is a simple formula using three common sense steps that will help you accomplish any goal. Step one is to assess our current situation (where you are now). To start working towards your goal

you have to know where you are. You can not start a journey unless you know your starting point.

Step two is to review your current assets. What do you have now that will help you achieve your goal? What do you need and how will you obtain these tools to achieve your goal? Step three would be formulating a plan to close the gap between now and the future (your goal). Step four is take action. No plan is any good unless you take action to put the plan into effect.

Now since no plan is perfect do not stress over having everything figured out. The point is to have a plan and then take the action to work that plan to achieve your goal. You can always adjust and adapt your plan in order to achieve your goal.

No other nation in the world that guarantees its citizens the rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, none. If you are expecting the government, a person, the lottery, or your local elected official to help you achieve your goals you are going to wait a long time. In fact, it will not happen.

So what are you waiting for? No one is going to help you achieve your goals...it is strictly up to you and no one else.

Do not wait for your ship to come in...swim out to it.

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