

Dear Max, Lily Chloe Ollie and Alex,

I want you to have a HAPPY LIFE. I can help you accomplish that — not with material things, but with life advice based on many years of successes and disappointments.

This advice can help you with this objective. It can help you through the many crises that you will — and must — face during your life. Nobody can avoid them, and you need them to grow.

1. You're in charge of your life. Nobody else. Don't let anybody fool you, and many will try.
2. You are unique, as is everyone. Find your potential. It is up to you to explore all the options that our great country affords you.
3. Be proud and bold about your accomplishments as they are yours, yours alone, even as others may try and diminish them claiming privilege.
4. Be kind to yourself and others.
5. Focus on the process not outcome. This is best way to get you the outcome you want.

I gave a speech to the Boy Scouts on happiness based on personal responsibility, which is reprinted on the following pages.

With all my love and confidence in your future,

Papa