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A Constant State of Gratitude

Hello and Welcome to the September edition of the Ideal Almanac.

There are good and bad parts about keeping a yearly journal. The negatives are that if I write truthfully, there will always be a record of my mistakes and wrong decisions. On the other hand, I can also see what went right and everything that is in motion that still has the potential to be good. I just finished the final edit for my journal from last year. It should be going to press next month and I will start signing copies and we will begin mailing them (3000+ books) in October. (By the way, if you want a signed copy, please message me on my LinkedIn profile or email me.)



My mom, Phyllis Jacobs, at the Ideal Jacobs 100th anniversary party.

Upon looking back, there were two things that were apparent. We tried a lot of good ideas and while many of them failed, enough worked to keep us growing globally at a very good rate. The other is that my mom has continued her battle for life for a long time, and although she is showing signs of weakening, she still has a lot of life left in her. I saw her yesterday, our usual Sunday. I brought her lunch, surprising her with one of her favorites, pizza, and she delighted me by eating almost 3/4 of a slice which is a lot for her. As she ate, we talked about the new plant we are planning for Mexico, the international issues regarding Taiwan, our new ISO Sustainability System, and my upcoming travel schedule. While her body is weakening, her mind is extremely sharp and her questions are intelligent and to the point.

She still worries about me, which is nice, especially when I leave the United States. Even though she loves hearing from me from various countries, she always feels better when I am home. There are many things in my life I am continually grateful for. One is being able to be near my mom for the time she has left. Another is working together with my brother and sister in helping to take care of her. Through our love for my mom, we have become much closer, which has been a very nice benefit. As always, I have no idea what will happen in the future, but I do know that with all the craziness in our world, there are many areas of good and for that, I am in a constant state of gratitude for all that has already happened and I pray keeps going.

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