



PASTOR'S LESSON TO LIVE BY  
"MAYBE IT'S ME"

No doubt in any reasonable thinking individual, 2020 was a difficult year. Take a moment to remember the 2020 stressors "*In*" and "*On*" your personal life. Perhaps we can also take a little time to reflect on our own contributions to those stressors. It is always very difficult to actually dissect past, troublesome times and situations in our personal comfort zone bubbles. But, if we really want to disconnect our 2020 troubles and woes from our **2021 New Beginning**, then we must strongly consider the high probability that "**MAYBE IT'S ME**". It is not an easy journey that an individual takes when critically looking inward. It is an awkward and cumbersome path that often leads to self-anger and even basic-depression - neither of which is needed nor desired by the traveler. Nevertheless, facts and truth do not change, and **Most** of the time both are hurtful and disheartening. That is especially true when we realize that the revelation of our inward look uncovered a powerful difficult truth. The "**MAYBE IT'S ME**" scenario turned out to be the "**IT'S ME**" Fact. So, what do we do about it? That answer is often a stressor in and of itself. The answer is, "**THERE NEEDS TO BE A CHANGE IN ME**". I warned you, even the thought of such a revelation creates Stress in our Comfort Zones. It would be a lot easier if **everyone**, even **someone** else was the problem. But no, the facts are clear. The main contribution to my 2020 life stressors wasn't **ALL COVID** or **POLITICS** - It was "**ME**". What a **Bummer!** Ok, so what do I do about it? That's another stressor isn't it! Maybe our answer for 2021 lies in "A different Look - "**Inward**": "A different journey - "**Biblical**". "A different attitude - **Yup It's Me**".

So **First**, I **LOOK INWARD**, and make a choice to focus on my own faults and insecurities, instead of trying to blame anybody or anything else for the flaws that are a part of the real **ME**. Each of us must look to the life that Almighty God has blessed us to live. That's right, your Life is a precious gift from God that only you can live. Don't waste it by allowing common stressors to control your walk with Him. **Allow Him to take control.**

**Next**, I will **LOOK TO THE BIBLE**. When I seek God's Word I am able to see Truth and Fact direct from their Author.

*Finally, brothers, whatever is **TRUE**, whatever is **NOBLE**, whatever is **RIGHT**, whatever is **PURE**, whatever is **LOVELY**, whatever is **ADMIRABLE** - if anything is **EXCELLENT** or **PRAISEWORTHY** - think about such things.* Phil 4:8 NIV

**Third**, I must **CHECK MY ATTITUDE**. If I'm of the **Blaming others attitude** - I must search to find the real cause - **Just Maybe it's Me**. If me, or not me, I must seek a remedy with the least amount of hurt. I must strive to maintain **Self Control** in all situations. I must never conform to **My Evil Desires** - but be transformed by the renewing of my mind to do what is honorable in God's sight.

Please remember in 2021 to accept others for who God created them to be. They are **Not You**. Therefore, they **won't** always think like you; **won't** always see life like you; and definitely **won't** always do things like you. But, if you respect their God given independence, and them for **Who They Are**, there is a 99.999% guarantee that they will **Express their Love and Respect for you**. **LOVE** is never a stressor.

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A 2021 GODLY NEW BEGINNING

YOUR PASTOR LOVES YOU

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