

## **12-01-2011 ME**

All too often, we get caught up in encountering others who are all about themselves, selfish, without a care for their fellow man or woman. They are truly of the “I, ME” generation. I’m Ken Trahan & Welcome to Walking in the Word with Williams Blvd. Baptist Church.

We look at those of the ME generation with a wary eye. Clearly, we cannot count on them.

The flip side is that we do not see ourselves in the mirror. I have often been about ME in my lifetime, looking out for #1, not worried about the needs & concerns of others, as selfish as anyone I have encountered.

If you are honest with yourself, you will likely admit to the same offense at some point in your existence. We fight with the concept of “I, ME” every day of our lives. It is easy to get caught up in.

Matthew West penned a song which you have heard many, many times here on LifeSongs. He is one of my favorite artists. His writing makes you think. It is introspective. It is convicting.

His latest that you have listened to often is “My Own Little World.” It is all about the ME existence. It is about examining yourself. It is all about living under conviction. It certainly convicted me.

“In my own little world it hardly ever rains. I’ve never gone hungry, always felt safe. I got some money in my pocket, shoes on my feet. In my own little world, population ME.

I try to stay awake during Sunday morning church. I throw a twenty in the plate, but I never give ‘til it hurts. I turn off the news when I don’t like what I see. Yeah, it’s easy to do when it’s population ME.

What if there’s a bigger picture? What if I’m missing out? What if there’s a greater purpose, I could be living right now? Outside my own little world.

Well, I stopped at a red light, looked out my window. I saw a cardboard sign, said 'Help this homeless widow.' Above that sign was the face of a human & I thought to myself, 'God, what have I been doing?'

So I rolled down the window & I looked her in the eye. I thought how many times have I just passed her by? So I gave her some money then I drove on through. & my own little world reached population TWO.

What if there's a bigger picture? What if I'm missing out? What if there's a greater purpose, I should be living right now. Outside my own little world, yeah, yeah, my own little world.

Father break my heart for what breaks Yours. Give me open hands & open doors. & put Your Light in my eyes & let me see. That my own little world is not about me.

What if there's a bigger picture? What if I'm missing out? What if there's a greater purpose, that I could be living right now? Well I don't want to miss what matters, I want to be reaching out. Showing the greater purpose, so I could start living right now. Outside my own little world, my own little world."

The Word says that we should give freely & not out of compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:7. Romans 8:32, James 1:17 &, of course, John 3:16 speak of a giving God. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8 urges us to excel in giving.

Once you leave population ME, you find the grace of God. We are promised an abundance for every good work in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:8.

It is not all about ME, it's all about HIM, the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we must serve daily. It is all about others, whom we should serve daily. Make your own little world a great big world in love. Otherwise, you are missing out. There is a bigger picture, a greater purpose.

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