

Street Photography Gives Life Meaning

The most critical thing I've realized after a decade of practicing street photography is that it has nothing to do with photography or the pictures themselves. **Street photography gives life meaning.** It's about the experience of stepping into the world and placing yourself on the front lines of life.

It's About the Journey

The journey is far more fulfilling than the results. Going out into the world, embracing chance, spontaneity, and the unpredictability of everyday life fuels my curiosity. Whether I'm turning down a new street, meeting a stranger, or experiencing a place for the first time, I find life becomes infinitely richer. *The camera is just an excuse to go out there and look at the world intensely.*

Embrace Failure

Street photography has taught me to *embrace failure openly*. Most of the time, you'll fail with the camera in hand. If I were to tell you that you'll fail 99% of the time, would you still go out there and practice street photography? If you're one of the crazy ones, then you're probably like me—you love failing on the streets. You can go out repeatedly, striving for that elusive great shot, yet sometimes come home with nothing for weeks, even months. Embracing this failure with integrity teaches you *perseverance*.

Danger is My Drug

Something inside me craves the thrill of danger. Whenever I visit a new place, I find myself in areas that others might avoid. These places, often uncharted or forbidden, seem to call to me. Since a young age, I've enjoyed the rush of exploring the unknown—whether in the woods or skateboarding down risky ramps. **Street photography allows me to live on the edge, bringing me closer to life itself.** My favorite photographs often require the most courage.

Connected to the Moment

With a camera in hand, I feel profoundly connected to fleeting moments. I treat the world as my canvas, constantly scanning for potential shots, which makes me more aware of my surroundings. I notice small details—a flower growing in the cracks or a moment between two strangers. Every time I press the shutter, I feel as though I am affirming life itself, framing it within those four corners.

Making an Abundance of Memories

In today's world, we seek novelty, often through media or mindless entertainment. But these modes don't create memories that last. By practicing street photography, I move beyond the passage of time. *Engaging all the senses*—the sounds, smells, and textures of the street—creates memories that endure. After a decade of traveling and shooting, I carry a wealth of memories, which I can revisit through my photographs and my mind.

“Life feels long when you move your body along. Life will pass you by if you live on standby.”

The true beauty of street photography lies in the abundance of memories it gives you—memories that stand the test of time.

Finding Meaning in the Mundane

Photography gives me the power to find endless meaning in the mundane. I can walk the same lane every day and still create something new from it. This is the ultimate joy of photography. By going out, clicking the shutter, and treating the world as a canvas, I find joy in spontaneity, danger, chance, and failure, all with a mindset of curiosity. In this way, **the mundane becomes wild**—a playground of intricate details and small moments that others might overlook.

Go out there and affirm life through street photography.

Dante