

Why You Should Start Street Photography in 2025

Check out this nice succulent I just potted up. Looks good.

All right — what's poppin, people? It's Dante.

Today's thought: **Why should you start street photography in 2025?**

The Best Time Is Always Now

There's a lot to learn, a lot to see, a lot to explore, and a lot to photograph in this life. And honestly, the best time to start anything — photography, YouTube, writing, reading, creating — is *right now*.

There is no outcome you need to chase.

No final form you must reach.

There is only **the act itself**.

I find meaning in the process of making pictures. Even after a decade of shooting, I still push myself, try new things, and challenge my curiosity. That's where I want to live forever.

The Magic of Being a Beginner

If you're just getting started, I'm jealous. There is something infinitely curious and pure about those early days. Everything is fresh. Everything is new. That amateur energy is powerful.

My goal is to return to that state every day.

So if you're on the fence about street photography, just start. This is the easiest time in history to become a photographer.

Modern Tools Make It Simple

All you really need is your iPhone.
For me, I love the Ricoh GR for its simplicity.

- Shoot JPEGs
- Let everything be baked in
- Keep the workflow clean and fast

You don't need technical mastery. You don't need to understand every setting. You don't need to be some expert in shutter speed, aperture, ISO.

Street photography doesn't require any of that.

My early photos — like the ones I made in Baltimore on a Ricoh GR II — were shot on **program mode** with **point-and-shoot autofocus**. The only essentials were curiosity, courage, and intuition.

Embrace Curiosity and Play

Yes, you can study the history. Yes, you can imitate the masters. But the best place to live is in that **curious beginner's mind**.

Let the chips fall where they may.
Embrace play.
Photograph whatever catches your inner spark.

Don't overthink the outcome.
Don't obsess over "good" or "bad."

Shoot for a year.
Reflect later.
Print your photos.
Make a sketchbook.
Put them on your wall.

Growth happens through time, not tension.

Flow, Gratitude, and Life-Affirmation

The goal is **flow** — staying present and finding gratitude in the everyday. For me, photography is life-affirmation. A way to say yes to the day. A way to find meaning in the mundane.

You can't live forever.
But you can make a photograph.

When you find your *why*, life opens up. The sunrise becomes exciting again. The light feels like a blessing. You begin to experience the mundane as extraordinary.

Street Photography Is an Ethos

Street photography isn't about cities.
It isn't about sidewalks or skyscrapers.

It's an **ethos** — a way of wandering through the world with curiosity.

You can practice it:

- In a rural village
- On a mountain road
- In your hometown
- In the same old neighborhood you walk every day

It's about being a flaneur.

About engaging with humanity.

About noticing life as it unfolds.

My Journey Through Photography

I learned street photography in West Baltimore.

It pushed me into the unknown — danger, chaos, unfamiliar places. Through that, I learned not only about the world but about myself.

Photography led me to:

- Israel and Palestine
- Sleeping on mosque floors
- Volunteering and milking cows on a kibbutz
- Walking the rocky shores of Napoli
- Wandering through Mumbai with no destination
- Exploring Philadelphia day after day

The camera is a superpower.

It turns ordinary moments into extraordinary ones.

It lets you play through the day.

Why You Should Start Today

Life is beautiful.
Life is meaningful.
The world is open.

Photography is a way to wake up to all of it.

And 2025 is the perfect time to begin.

Practical Tips for Getting Started

- Don't use Instagram
- Don't chase likes or validation
- Make your own website instead
- Use YouTube if you want to share slideshows
- Publish your photos on your own domain
- Let your work be pure, honest, and yours

My YouTube and blog are simply extensions of joy. They help me share inspiration, technique, and the love of wandering with others.

Photography gives me meaning, and I hope these words push you to step outside today and hit the streets.

More videos are on my YouTube.
More thoughts and photos are at <http://dantesisofo.com>.

Stay tuned for more.
Peace.