

Everybody is trying!

I had a preacher that once told the congregation to be careful about thinking you were above those that may not have as much as you. He went on to teach us it is important to remember that there will always be people that have more than you and will hold true in the other direction as well. There will always be people that have less than you.

Yes, having money makes some things in life easier. Not worrying about how to pay your water bill is a wonderful thing. But, as we all know, having money does not necessarily ensure your happiness. We are all challenged with the unknown. Will I lose my job if the economy takes a downturn? Will I face an unexpected event this year that will change the course of my life? Will we lose our family's fortune?

Somehow, the great equalizer helps us understand that none of us are protected from life's challenges. Our faith carries us on into the next day. We have faith that we can survive. We can overcome what life throws at us. It is not always the case, but at least we are hopeful to get through each day one at a time.

Our natural optimism helps us keep our eye on the prize. It may take some of us longer, the prize is certainly not the same for all, but what we do know is that our neighbors, our families, our leaders, our church families can help us along the way.

The best feeling is the day that we know we made a difference in a neighbor's life. Sometimes, it is so fun to pay it forward, to pick up trash that is not ours, to hold the door open for a stranger, to offer up a smile through our masks.

In 2021, my goal is to make the most of each day. I will not always get everything correct at Cresson City Hall, but I will know that my intentions are good, solid, and always focused on helping the city get stronger, friendlier, safer, and cleaner.

The best thing about getting to serve the citizens of Cresson, is the people I get to meet. They each bring something different to the table. I love finding out about hidden pockets of talent that I never knew about new acquaintances as well as old friends.

So, my pastor was correct. There will always be people above us and below us in the financial realm. And, it doesn't matter how much money they have in their bank accounts, but does matter how much love is in our hearts.