

I'm getting older

And while that is not a bad thing, it is a thing best taken into consideration. And it is three pronged. Not only are my preferences and abilities continuing to change, but many of them are not changing in the least. And third, the world is changing faster than ever!

There I am, right in the middle of all that wanting to be relevant, productive, engaged while so many forces are working to make any of that increasingly difficult.

So what am I to do? How should I feel? It seems like I should be able to just get serious and power through. But that has become less and less an option.

Nothing poignant about it - it just is. Another challenge after so many. No complaints.

So I look at society, my education and profession in technology. The way people interact, and my expectations which have been refined, worn down, rewound until I am not sure I am expecting the best or even what I want.

Before I look at the challenges of the world, I need to consider my preferences and capabilities.

I am a prog rock music lover. I was cool for a good while. Then I became that type of cool that was internal and no longer dependent on music, fashion, or fad. Finally I found I was cool in so many ways that everyone younger was unable to comprehend. So I look at something like contemporary christian worship music and I find myself quietly thinking "this is not very inspiring. This is not the best we can do." and other old guy sorts of narrow minded thinking.

I do not doubt the performer's passion, skills, or spiritual convictions. I find I am tending at times towards that rigid, closed tight stereotype. Even so, I recognize that I still have the deep and solid ability to evaluate myself objectively.

That allows me to then say to myself, "Yep I am experiencing those feelings, feelings that demand that they be taken seriously and honored. But