



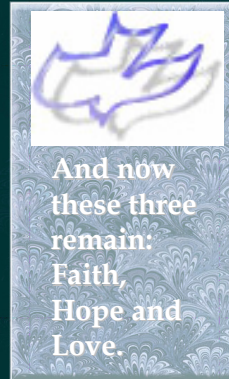
### **I Did it My Way**

In 1969 singer – songwriter Paul Anka wrote the song, “My Way” with Frank Sinatra “Ol’ Blue Eyes” in mind. The song topped out at #2 on the adult contemporary Billboard charts in the summer of 1970 and became associated with Sinatra as his ‘signature song.’

No stranger to the ups and downs of life himself - Sinatra sings of pulling himself up by the bootstraps in the face of adversity giving credit only to himself;  
“For what is a man, what has he got?  
If not himself, then he has naught.”  
How telling are these words?  
How often do we see only ourselves as the primary means of getting through life?  
How dreadfully sad is that myth?

### **We Are Not Alone**

The simple truth is that beyond all the self-help books and motivational programs that have become top-sellers in a Do-It-Yourself society – we are not alone. Nor are we self-made-men.



God created us in His own image with a plan and a purpose. And He gave us the gifts and skills we require to fulfill that purpose. The bible tells us in the book of James chapter 1:17 that, “Every good gift and every

perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

Why do we insist on doing things “My Way?” Pride is the answer. We live in a place where self sufficiency is taught and touted as the “American Way.” Don’t get me wrong – I love a ‘rags to riches’ story and I believe America is greatest country in the world. My point here is simply, how much greater could we be in our God ordained roles and how much easier would it be to fulfill our God given purpose using our God given gifts if we surrendered our pride and our personal agendas and began each day striving instead to things “His Way”?

*“The problem with self made men is that they tend to worship their creator.”*

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**Faith,** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

**Hope,** For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth. Psalm 71:5

**Love,** And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13