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**THE MAKING OF A GIANT
SUBSTANCE AND STYLE**
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KYLE DOUGLAS

RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW

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How do you rebound from devastation? How do you pull yourself up out of the gutter when something bad happens, and you think there is no hope?

It's often said only the strong survive. Country music artist, Kyle Douglas, is one of the strong.

"I have spent 12 years of my life bound by the chains of addiction, of substance abuse," said Douglas. "At one time in my life, I had burnt every bridge and destroyed every relationship with family, friends and everyone I had come in contact with until there was no one. I was all alone."

That was then, this is now.

Now, Douglas has made a name for himself through country music and sharing his experiences with others.

"Right Here, Right Now."

That's Douglas' personal slogan. He stresses what you decide today, impacts tomorrow and quite likely, the rest of your life. Making one positive decision can change your life. It's the first step in your journey in the right direction.

All you have to do is listen to Kyle's current hit, "Clean Hands," to understand how his music reflects his experiences. "Clean Hands" focus is "being free from unfair conduct, living the right kind of lifestyle and spreading a positive message."

No matter what walk of life you come from, Douglas' music is relatable.



People Purpose Impact sat down with Douglas for this exclusive interview about his journey, philosophy and music career.



PPI: Tell us a little about yourself.

KD: I am a Nashville Recording Artist from Kentucky that just recently released my debut album titled "Clean Hands." I spend a majority of my time working and I love the 15-16 hours that I work each and every day. I love my life and the people that I am surrounded by everyday.

PPI: At one point of your life, you were down, but not out. What was the point where you realized this is not me, this is not who I want to be?

KD: I remember the exact hour that I decided to make a change in my life. It was in the fall of 2012. I woke up on a Sunday morning on the street homeless and had nobody to call and nowhere to go. But for some reason I had this peace come over me and for the first time in a very long time I knew that everything was going to be alright and that I wanted to live. So with nothing but a trash bag full of odd and end belongings and a change of clothes I went to church that morning and checked myself into a homeless shelter later that afternoon. From that day forward, things got significantly better with each passing day.

PPI: What made you realize that country music is your passion?

KD: Today I feel that there is good music and bad music, I do not worry so much about what genre it is. If it has a beat and moves the soul then I give it a chance. I fell more into the country music genre because I am a storyteller.

I love to write music that moves people by using my own personal experiences, or things that inspire me to tell the story.

PPI: Each song you write tells a story with a positive, underlying message. Do you begin writing the song with the message in mind, or does it develop as you are writing?

KD: Almost every song that I have written I typically play guitar and find a melody and chord progression that I like and begin simply freestyling lyrics over top of it. Today, I have hope and have such a strong desire to be a better person, to be better than I was yesterday, and be better than the kind of man I used to be. This just seems to be what comes out in my writing. I am a very positive person and a "glass half full" kind of guy, so it shines thru in the music that I create.

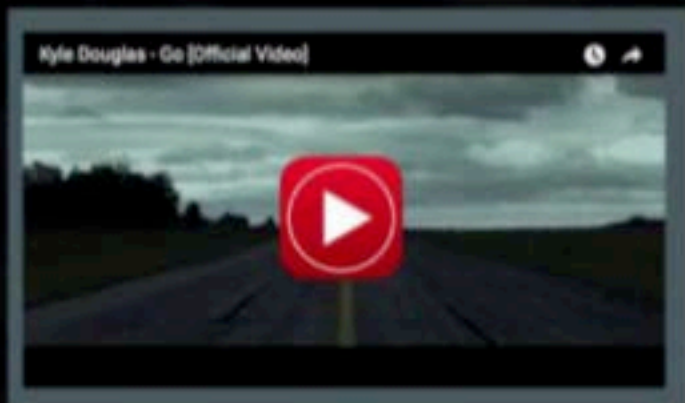
PPI: Is there one thing you include in each song you write that is something special to you?

KD: I try to be different and think of something to say that hasn't been said before or if it has been said, a new crafty way of saying it in my own way. I like to make myself be vulnerable and express the feelings I want to get across to the listener without thinking about them judging me.

PPI: Who has been/is your biggest influence?

KD: One of my biggest influences has been my grandfather. He is such a hard worker and does so much to help other people. He has taught me so much about being the right kind of human being by showing love, kindness, and forgiveness to others.





PPI: What projects are you currently working on?

KD: Since we are reaching the winter months everything shuts down in the music business from the Thanksgiving holiday to the second week of February. This is the best time of year to get prepared and regroup for the spring festival season. I am using this winter to work on new music for the second album and a new line of apparel for my merchandise stand to kick off 2016.

PPI: Your music is outstanding, what is your favorite song you wrote and why?

KD: My favorite song that I have written thus far is a song titled "What You Make". The message in the song is you get out of life what you make. Meaning you can be as happy or sad as you choose to be in your life. Nobody else can decide that for you. It's all about the decisions you make and the way you react. It is such a special song to me because I began writing it during one of the darkest periods of my life when I was homeless and came back to it later after many months of being sober and finished the song. I have written some songs from beginning to end in ten to fifteen minutes and others like this one took many months.

PPI: To what do you credit your success?

KD: I credit my success to God for giving me a life that I did not deserve and for my family and them never giving up on me. They have endured through some really tough times and it's been a learning experience for us all. They showed me love unconditionally and believed in me before I could believe in myself.

PPI: What is something about you that your fans might not know?

KD: Something that my fans might not know about me and what some would say is a very bad habit. I have an extreme addiction to the energy drink Red Bull. I drink two Red Bull every single day. I am basically immune to them now and love drinking them because they taste so good.

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