The Time Is Now

Don't let the following thought stop you from sharing what you have to offer:

"But I haven't been 100% consistent with my philosophy."

Nobody is 100% on their A-game all the time. We all fall short of the standards and ideals we pursue. That's why we pursue them: because we understand that character is a journey, not a "one and done" transaction.

The basis for creating value isn't "I feel satisfied with how perfect I am."

The basis for creating value is "I know that I'm capable of making a positive difference in spite of how imperfect I am."

If you have something to give, give. If a certain form of generosity or service brings meaning to your life, don't let imposter syndrome stop you.

"But nobody cares about what I have to offer. I'm just a silly fool who forgot to stick to my diet today. I'm just some goofball who forgot about an appointment today. I'm just a wannabe who still struggles with this or that."

Don't censor your convictions because you missed going to the gym today, or because you lost your cool today, or because you weren't sufficiently "enlightened" today.

Nothing useful would ever get done if we all required ourselves to feel fully enlightened or fully evolved before standing up for a cause. And can you imagine how obnoxious today's innovators and leaders would sound if their main reason for speaking was because of how self-righteous they felt?

The power to create change doesn't come from an attitude that says "After spending many years of perfecting a fool-proof system for hacking every area of my life, I'm going to show the rest of you losers how to get everything you want without a single exception."

The power to create change comes from an attitude that says "Sometimes I feel like I'm crushing it and sometimes I don't, but here's what I've learned and here's what I'm still learning."

If you're still in the process of failing and figuring things out, then you're right where you need to be.

Don't hide your gifts in anticipation of a day when you feel acceptable and accomplished. Start serving now and the rest will follow.