

## Selling the Farm?

The story is told of a farmer who had lived on the same farm all his life. It was a good farm with fertile soil. But with the passing of years, the farmer began to think, "Maybe there's something better for me." He set out to find an even better plot of land to farm.

Every day, he found a new reason for criticizing some feature of his old farm, and feeding his desire to buy another one. Finally, he decided to sell. He listed the farm with a real estate broker who promptly prepared an advertisement emphasizing all the many advantages of the acreage – ideal location, modern equipment, healthy stock, acres of fertile ground, high-yield crops, well-kept barns and pens, nice two-story house on a hill above the pasture.

When the real estate agent called to read the ad to the farmer for his approval prior to placing it in the local newspaper, the farmer heard him out. When the agent finished reading the ad, the farmer cried, "Hold everything! I've changed my mind. I'm not going to sell. Why, I've been looking for a place just like that all my life!"

When we start identifying the good traits of any person, situation or organization, we are likely to find that they far outweigh the bad.

We ought to focus on what we do have, the blessings that have been bestowed upon us – principal among them, life itself, and good health. And even if our health is challenged in some way, we can always find others who are in more precarious circumstances than we are.

Then, in an attitude of gratitude, what we have *not* will seem less significant.

--Beecher Hunter