

The Town Traveler

A man was walking down the road when he spied a farmer. He approached him and said, "Sir, I have traveled a long way and am thinking of settling in the next town. Tell me, what kind of people are there?"

The farmer asked, "What kind of people were in the town you left?"



The traveler replied, "Oh, it wasn't so good. The people there were selfish, indifferent, just out for themselves. Couldn't care less about you or what happened."

The farmer said, "You'll find the same kind of folks in the next town."

The man thanked the farmer and went in another direction.

Later that day, another traveler passed by and said to the farmer, "Sir, I have traveled a long way and am thinking of settling in the next town. Tell me, what kind of people are there?"

The farmer asked, "What kind of people were in the town you left?"

The man responded, "It was hard to leave. The people sang with you in the good times and helped you in the bad times. It wasn't perfect, but the people were basically good and friendly."

The farmer said, "You'll find the same kind of folks in the next town."

The story tells a lot about human relationships, and how we see others through the prism of our own behavior.

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