

PEOPLE

People are the problem. People are the solution.

It's all people. There are as many types of people as there are people. There are multitudes of ways to describe someone.

Our description and reaction to anyone is based more on us than them. It's based on where we are, what's going on in our lives, and what the person reminds us of. What memory, good or bad do they make us remember. It's has nothing to do with the other person; and it has everything to do with us.

You may think someone is wonderful and another friend of yours may hate the person. So, is the person wonderful or someone whom you should hate. The answer is, both. Yes, based on your personal perspective and from where you are coming. Sure, it's the same person, but just viewed through different lenses.

Thanksgiving in our house has just been celebrated. We had 16 people at our table, family, relatives, friends, and friends of our relatives. In their own way, they were all wonderful. Somewhere is someone who does not think that they are all wonderful. But, fortunately, we all did.

We were fortunate, everyone at our Thanksgiving celebration liked one another. Too often, holiday celebrations are marked by some people not getting along with others at the table. It makes it hard for everyone. You can feel the tension when people do not get along. It effects everyone.

The challenge is to accept everyone as they are with their good points and points that could be improved. But, hey, we are just the same. We have good points and other points that could be improved.

If we are not perfect, how can we expect others to be so? Should we be judging others? Should they be judging us? Is there any value in judging others?

If you'll accept me, with both my strengths and weaknesses, I'll accept yours. How's that for a deal? We'll both be better off. And, I may well learn from you and you from me. That's a win for both of us and a loss for neither of us.

If we are not working at accepting each other then we are at great risk--great risk of realizing our original judgement was wrong and that you were a wonderful person all along. I just misjudged or jumped to a conclusion that was wrong.

Often our moods, which are more about us than anyone else, effect our actions, our acceptance, or our rejection of others. On a different day, or in a different mood, we may well feel differently.

At the next holiday gathering or dinner spend some time with someone you think you don't like. You may surprise yourself. You may surprise them also.