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 What Do You See?

There is little difference in people, but that little difference does make a big difference. The difference I speak of is attitude. The big difference is whether it is a positive for a negative attitude. In a sense, looking at the people around us is like looking into a mirror. We see a reflection of ourselves. Where negative attitudes will create suspicion, positive attitudes will create trust. I am sure we all experience these attitude changes each and every day.

Imagine that you are sitting in a room with a number of other people, and the speaker holds up a sheet of paper with a large black dot in the center of it. And speaker asks the question, “What do you see”? And the response is “ A big black dot”. And the speaker then asks, “ Is that all that you see”? To which there is a resounding reply, “ Yes”. All are then informed that they failed to notice the sheet of paper. In our daily walk, we become distracted by these small attitude failures and disappointments, and forget about the many successes and joys that we experience each and every day. We let the black dots monopolize our thoughts too much of the time. So we can answer the original question by saying, “ As you travel down life’s highway, may it ever be your goal, to keep your eye on the doughnut, and not on the hole”.

Fraternally,

Bob