

Reflection Friday Week 23 – 2022

St Paul reminds us of the old school adage: ***“Be the best that you can be!”*** This demands focus, dedication, perseverance and hard work. So, if we are truly focused on our mission, we have little time to notice the good and bad elements of others. Even if we did, we would not have the time to dwell on them. There is another wisdom saying that some wish to ignore or disbelieve. It states that: *We only find the faults in others that exist in ourselves!* There is an inherent understanding in this that these faults are stronger in us than they are in others. Always remember this and repeat it when you find fault in anyone!

This story will help you understand Jesus’ teaching:

A man who was traveling came upon a farmer working in his field and asked him what the people in the next village were like. The farmer asked “What were the people like in the last village you visited?” The man responded “They were kind, friendly, generous, great people.” “You’ll find the people in the next village are the same,” said the farmer.

Another man who was traveling to the same village came up to the same farmer somewhat later and asked him what the people in the next village were like. Again, the farmer asked “What were the people like in the last village you visited?” The second man responded, “They were rude, unfriendly, dishonest people.” “You’ll find the people in the next village are the same,” said the farmer!!