

English Corner: Suggested Article of Discussion

1. Article 3-4 Growing Good Corn (玉米)

There was a Nebraska (美国的一洲) farmer who grew award-winning(得奖) corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair (州农产品展览会) where it won a blue ribbon award (头奖).

One year a newspaper reporter interviewed (访问) him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered (发现) that the farmer shared (分享) his seed corn (玉米种) with his neighbors (邻居).

"How can you afford (怎能) to share your best seed corn with your neighbors? When they are entering (参加) corn in competition (竞争) with yours each year?" The reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "Don't you know? The wind picks up (风带起) pollen (花粉) from the ripening (熟) corn and swirls (飞扬) it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior (次等) corn, cross pollination (杂交) will steadily degrade the quality (品质减低) of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must also help my neighbors to grow good corn.

He is very much aware of the connectedness (关联性) of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves. So it is in other dimensions (方面). Those who choose to be at peace (和睦) must help their neighbors to be at peace. Those who choose to live well (生活富裕) must help others to live well; for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches (接触). And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up (连在一起) with the welfare of all.

The lesson for each of us is this; if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.

2. Discussion

1. What interesting thing did the newspaper reporter learn about the Award - winning farmer and his corn-growing secret?
2. What was the reason the farmer gave for his action?
3. What do you think about the farmer's answer?

3. Remember Seven Phrases a Week:

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| 113. I love this game. | 我爱这项运动。 |
| 114. I'll try my best. | 我尽力而为。 |
| 115. I'm on your side. | 我全力支持你。 |
| 116. Long time no see! | 好久不见! |
| 117. No pain, no gain. | 不劳无获。 |
| 118. Well, it depends | 噢，这得看情况。 |
| 119. We're all for It. | 我们全都同意。 |

4. Proverb:

1. Do to others what you would have others do to you. (Matthew 7:12)
2. The Lord Jesus said:" It is more blessed to give than receive." (Act 20:35)
3. For the love of money is the root of all evil. (1Timothy 6:10)
4. "Ask not what the country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your Country." John F. Kennedy's presidential inauguration address in 1962.
5. Only a life lived for others is a life worth living.