

# It Takes Everyone

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Ever heard of the saying “the world would be boring if everyone was the same”? Well, would it? The answer is yes, yes it would. If everyone was wearing the same outfit, eating the same food, and following the same career paths, the world would not only be boring, but communities would not grow.

If everyone was a doctor, we wouldn't have anything to eat. If everyone was a farmer, we couldn't learn anything. If everyone was a teacher, there would be no one to help sick people. See a pattern? If everyone is one thing, we wouldn't have something else. However, if we have a whole ton of different people from different backgrounds and cultures, we can make a lot of different medicines, eat a lot of different foods, and learn in a lot of different ways.

These differences create a dynamic culture, and a dynamic culture leads to a growing community. People are attracted to

communities that have lots of different things to do and experience. These new people continue to grow and expand the culture of the area. Their unique background makes new things to do and experience, which brings even more new people.

All these people bring diverse skills, which together can accomplish more than we can do on our own or in smaller groups. Working together takes the best of each of us and puts them together into one unified body. This integrated community will be better than it was before.

The key to a community's growth is the ability to use our differences as a positive instead of a negative. When we realize that each individual has something to contribute, a community will grow.