You Look Happy!

A: You look happy—what’s going on?

B: I’m taking my husband out to celebrate tonight. I just got a promotion. I’m going to be a manager in the tech department now.

C: Wow, congratulations, was that one of your goals when you started working with this company?

B: No, not really, but I guess I am doing well because a promotion is a great measure of success, isn’t it?

A: I mean I guess so, if you define success that way.

B: What do you mean?

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A: Well making more money might not be all that it’s cracked up to be.

C: Yeah, I agree. Do you think your future self would want more money or would you want more time to travel and spend time with your family?

B: It’s hard to say what I’ll want down the line but at this stage of life the extra money is certainly tempting.

A: I don’t know. For me, I try to align my life choices with my personal goals more than my professional goals.

B: Like what? What are your personal goals?

A: I try to live in the moment. It’s such a cliché these days, but there is something to that idea.

C: Totally- same here. I try to take at least 3 trips abroad every year because I think being successful is experiencing the world and I know that I won’t be able to do all of that traveling after I retire.

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B: Hmm you guys have a point. Maybe I will think more about what success means to me before I accept this promotion. Thanks for the chat.

A: Good luck with your decision.

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