



Friendship and Love

1. Differences and similarities between “friendship” and “love”:

- Despite the various similarities between love and friendship, such as caring about and standing up for each other, there are elements that are unique to love, including adoration and consideration of marriage partnership. A clear stance would minimise misunderstanding in developing a relationship with the opposite gender.

2. When getting along with the opposite gender, you should always review whether your conversation and behaviour are far too affectionate which could lead to misunderstanding:

- Overzealous behaviour would likely give rise to misunderstanding. You should think carefully before taking actions and get along with friends in a prudent manner.
- Once you come to know that your behaviour has caused misunderstanding, take the initiative to clarify that this is “friendship but not love”. Don’t be wishy-washy which would deepen the misunderstanding of the relationship.

3. Rumours could be fearful and would likely put the parties concerned under unnecessary pressure and emotional stress:

- Respect is of utmost importance in friendship. You should not start rumours and should refuse to spread rumours.

4. Common problems arising from eagerness to start dating include:

- Unexpected effects on schoolwork and loss of time and money as you have not carefully considered whether it is a suitable time for dating.
- Disagreement, worries and tension between each other as you act intuitively without careful consideration of whether he/she is a suitable partner.

5. Careful consideration of the devotion and possible outcomes is needed before dating:

- “Price” is not necessarily negative. Devotion, such as controlling temper for a better relationship and working harder in school for a brighter future, is beneficial to both sides. However, pointless sacrifice and unnecessary devotion, such as wandering on the street without any specific purpose apart from seeing each other, would seriously affect your daily life and hinder your physical and mental development.
- Outcomes can be satisfying (your relationship is harmonious and steady), worrying (your relationship is stormy and unstable), heartbreaking (your quest for a relationship is rejected) and shocking (you want to break up with an unsuitable partner but he/she keeps nagging).