

Good morning principal, vice principal, assistant principals, teachers and fellow students.

Today, I am going to talk about filial piety. We are lucky to be brought up under our parents' coddles. We have no worry about our life before we are 18, because our parents will give us all what we need and solve the life problems we face. Some believe that it is the responsibility of parents to look after their children once they were born. It seems that they take their care and thoughtfulness for granted. But shouldn't we thank our parents?

Nowadays, children seldom express their gratitude to parents for their love and concerns. In contrast, teens grumble that parents interfere their life, fresh graduates often forget to send the words of thanks to their family members but simply bury themselves in their work. Some think that giving their parents some money to meet their needs is equal to filial piety. They even think they have already fulfilled their responsibility when they send them to the home for the elderly as the caretakers there will take up the role of looking after the sick and old men. Yet, is filial piety merely equivocal to satisfying parents' basic and physical needs? Without care, gratitude and respect, what is the difference between keeping a pet and taking care of parents?

It is shameful to see little kids yelling at their parents on the street, or even heartbreaking to read the news saying sons and daughters maltreat their parents who wholeheartedly took care of them when they were small. We, as the apple of their eyes, should be aware of our attitude when talking to them. We should always remember and be thankful to what they did for us. We should take prompt action now to show our piety by helping our parents with the housework or accompanying them for dim sum on Sunday morning. It seems to be trivial but our parents will feel warm with these little steps.

Life is limited, parents cannot stay with us forever. Treasure the time and thank our parents before it is too late. Otherwise, you will regret for not being able to serve them when they are away. Thank you.