

Message to the Shatin Tsung-tsiners

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Dear Shatin Tsung-tsiners,

Last week, I got a forward e-mail from one of my friends. Usually, I do not read forward e-mails because almost all of them ask me to keep sending to others so that I can be lucky or my Mr. Right would knock on my door soon. However, I was attracted by its subject, 'The Best E-mail of the Year'. I wanted to see how good that e-mail could be. Lucky me, I had made a wise choice and I would like to take this chance to share it with you.

If you think you are unhappy, look at them.



If you think your salary is low, how about her?

If you think you don't have many friends, look at him.



If you feel like giving up, think of this man.



If your society is unfair to you, how about her?

If you think you suffer in life, do you suffer as much as he does?



If you complain about your transport system, how about theirs?

Enjoy life how it is and as it comes. Things are worse for others and a lot better for us.

There are many things in your life that will catch your eye but only a few will catch your heart – pursue those.



Does studying annoy you?



Hate vegies?

Not them!



They starve from hunger!



Does your parents care tire you?



They don't have any!

Someone got you Adidas instead of Nike?

They only have one brand!



Aren't thankful for a bed to sleep in?

They'd wish not to wake up!



Following all these pictures, a question comes – “Are you still complaining?” I was struck by this question and I started to reflect on how often we complain. That’s not a tough question, isn’t it? We tend to complain a lot but not to treasure. We tend to focus on what we have not got yet but not what we have already had. We tend to be fussy about others but not to be appreciative.

For most of the time, we only judge from our own perspectives. For most of the time, we complain because we have had too much to be treasured but not willing to realize it. For most of the time, we are just too mean and too selfish. Look at the above pictures and read the words again, you will discover that humans are strange. The more we own, the more we complain. The less we have, the more we value.

Tsung-tsiners, starting from today, we should realize, appreciate and value what we have and what we are experiencing. You will discover how lucky and fortunate we are soon. The next thing you have to do is to make our less fortunate brothers and sisters feel that they are not being forgotten or ignored by giving them a helping hand. Be generous when you still have the ability to offer help and be thankful when you are being helped!

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