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**Freedom to Discover One’s Interest**

Parents should allow their children the freedom to discover their own interests because they need to know what they want to do.

First, children need to find what makes them happy, and parents should help them find it. Generally, parents’ main gold is to make their children feel happy and raise them to live a satisfying, fruitful life. For the first lecture of ‘Computer Concept and Practice’ at SNU, Professor Min advised us to take time, seek for something you’re interested in, something that really excites you and makes your heart beat faster. After finding it, he suggested us to do it for a living, so that we could be happy. As Professor Min said, we are happy when we do what we want. However, although we are trying to find an interest, sometimes finding it can be beyond our power. Suppose a kid wants to try playing the violin, just because the kid got interested. But for a kid with no money, even trying the violin would be impossible. This is why children need their parents’ support. If parents want their children to be happy, parents should allow their freedom and support their children.

Second, a children’s interests may be related to their major or dream job, which may make the children happy mostly throughout their life. Suppose parents do not allow their child the freedom to discover their interest. Usually in Korea, this happens in the form of parents forcing their child to go to medical school. But this isn’t ethical. A child’s life is not their parents’. This can become a pressure to the kids, and the kid may end up getting a job they don’t really like. This may lead to unhappy life. After all, according to Maslow’s hierarchy of needs, ‘self-actualization’ is a very strong desire.

Furthermore, children need to find their interests when they are young. Especially in Korea, where youth unemployment is a huge problem, it takes a great amount of cost to change jobs when one is an adult. This is another reason why parents should help their child discover their own interests.

A child has his own decisions and is free to decide. Parents should encourage and support, rather than dictating. The child knows best what he would like to do and what interests them, excites them the most. Life is given only once, and parents should allow their child to discover, find, choose their dreams and pursue it.