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| **Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Two people can still become good friends if one of them has more money than the other one does** |

Nowadays, many people believe that friends' role in a person's life is even more than his family. Choosing a good friend can enhance the life of a person from various points. Some people may hold the idea that people can be friends with a person that is richer than is he. However, some others may take the opposite viewpoint and believe that a person's friend must be at the same economic level as him. I personally contend that the disadvantage of being a friend with a person who has more money outweigh its advantages. To support this, there are several reasons, two of which are going to be explored in the following essay.

First and foremost, I believe a person's expectance from life is heavily dependent on the lifestyles that he sees in his daily life. Since young people spend most of their time in companionship with their friends, hanging out with a person that is more affluent than they are can affect their life adversely. The pressure, which is due to the fact that they cannot afford a similar lifestyle in most of the occasions, causes aggression and depression. My experience is compelling example of this; during college, I established a friendship with a wealthy guy that I met at a party. After that, he introduced me to a circle of his friends; spending time with these people was thrilling at first; however, as the times pass on, I started to feel that my needs are not satisfied in my life. In other words, I started to realize the necessity of the deprivations that I was never aware of them; consequently, I fell into a deep depression that was very hard to get over.

Besides, most people want to lead the lifestyle that their friend has, and since rich people have comfortable life they will stop endeavoring regardless of the fact that rich people devoted a considerable effort to build their wealth. The pleasures that his friend experiences seduce him to live like his friend. To exemplify, before I met my wealthy friends, I worked in a coffee house to deposit some money for my future, but after my sociability with this group of people, It indoctrinated to me that I am younger than should I be worried about future. Hence, I resigned from my part-time job. Had I not selected my friend from a higher economic level, I would have accumulated some money for my future.

To bring everything into conclusion, I am afraid I have to disagree with the belief that economic issues are not primary in friendship. In my opinion, psychologists must inform the society about the drawbacks that being friends with a richer person may have to bring down the unfavorable consequences of this kind of friendship.

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