

of course, for example, are being made necessary, the following is a list of my intentions as to your future expenses, that you may know what you have to expect from me, and make your plan

accordingly. I shall neither deny nor grudge you any money that may be necessary for either your improvement or pleasures ; I mean the pleasures of a rational being. Under the head of improvement I mean the best books, and the best masters cost what they will ; I also mean all the expense of lodgings, coach, dress, servants, etc., which, according to the several places where you may be, shall be respectively necessary to enable you to keep the best company. Under the head of rational pleasures I comprehend, first, proper charities to real and compassionate objects of it ; secondly, proper presents to those to whom you are obliged, or whom you desire to oblige ; thirdly, a conformity of expense to that of the company which you keep ; as in public spectacles, your share of little entertainments, a few pistoles at games of mere commerce and other incidental calls of good company. The only two articles which I will never supply are, the profusion of low riot, and the idle lavishness of negligence and laziness. A fool squanders away without credit or advantage to himself, more than a man of sense spends with both. The latter employs his money as he does his time, and never spends a shilling of the one, nor a minute of the other, but in something that is either useful or rationally pleasing to himself or others. The former buys whatever he does not want, and does not pay for what he does want. He cannot withstand the charms of a toy-shop ; snuff-boxes, watches, heads or canes, etc., are his destruction. His servants and tradesmen conspire with his own indolence to cheat him, and in a very little time he is astonished, in the midst of all the ridiculous superfluities, to find himself in want of all the real comforts and necessities of life. Without care and method the largest fortune will not, and with them almost the smallest will, supply all necessary expenses. Keep an account in a book, of all that you receive, and of all that you pay ; for no man, who knows what he receives and what he pays, ever runs out.

Spending Vs Return

The author is guiding his son regarding the future expenses as he is stepping out into the world. The author ensures him to provide money for rational improvement and pleasure. He would allow him to spend on studies and other necessities for his improvement, while finances for charities, gifts for closest people and friends and few entertainment games would be given for the sake of genuine pleasure. Furthermore, the author advises him not to spend abundantly on unnecessary lavishness which would make him indolent and render him to conspiracies of servants, rather he should spend money like time; where necessary and where is the surety of return in the form of improvement or real pleasure. This check can be achieved by keeping notes of his spendings and receivings.

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