

# J D's Points to ~~ponder~~ ponder

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Warning — Make sure you read them all.  
There may be some surprises in  
them so read them all or you  
will miss them.

#1 - Your scholarship is irreplaceable. There's  
no way that you or I can make up ~~\$9500<sup>00</sup>~~  
a year difference. Study Comes First.  
Before You panic, read on.

- I hear you talk about working and  
unless I missed something somewhere  
you are talking 32 hours work a week  
at least or was that 24 hours a month  
on campus?

#2. ~~\$1000~~ You were successful at saving a little  
over ~~\$1000<sup>00</sup>~~ this summer. That's an  
achievement for you. We will try to  
do better next summer, wait we

#3. Nutrition is important. Don't slight  
it. It is your body that supports  
your mind. If you slight your  
body you slight your mind, so eat  
your green beans.

#4. Wear clean underwear

5. You used to play lots of video games. One of them had a rocket and you had an energy level you had to worry about. Energy was used to travel and to shoot at the enemy. Life is a big video game. In our society money is the energy. There are certain things you have to or should do so make sure don't shoot so many asteroids just for the fun of it that you deplete your energy level and someone has to flash on your screen — "GAME OVER"

6. Girls can be handy. They are nice to talk to and smooch and sometimes they take pity on poor helpless males and cook them a meal & iron for them.

7. ~~If~~ I have two ounces of yellow metal left among other things. A good inducement to get your father thinking the right direction would be for you to make a budget and keep track of how well you stick to it.

8. While we are on the subject let me ~~through~~ throw out some ideas that would point to <sup>reasons for</sup> subconscious compulsive spending

a. When you were little mom was busy in the business and would buy you a new toy almost every day. It was a way of saying "I feel so guilty — here, this toy is my love for you."

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your dad played the same game only  
it was in large a grand ways  
-Tropical fish instead of Gold fish  
etc.

The result would be a compulsion to  
spend when lonely. The cure is  
to "look at them and sigh and know  
they love you." You are a big boy  
now and it is time to say goodby  
to that part of parenting you never had.  
Please don't wait till you're 40 to do  
so. I can think of a zillion mistakes  
we made but I will guarantee you that  
we did the best we knew how. The answer  
is for you to identify and acknowledge the  
mistakes for what they are. ~~and~~ Then  
you will be able to see the love that was  
there too and compulsion will leave.

- b. Don't forget the Saint Helens tee shirts.  
~~It can~~ I can bet you tap into those feelings  
a dozen times a day as you walk  
around campus and compare your  
situation with that of some of the others.  
and collecting → Spending is a way of trying to prove  
that you have it too.

Cure

If this is the case the cure is to  
focus on the objective - getting through school  
and realizing that the "it" that they  
have is privilege that comes with wealthy  
parents. No matter what you spend you

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will not create wealthy parents. Focus on the "it" that you have that no amount of money can buy. Looks, brains, nice to be around, Kindness, talent to name a few. just remember, "you never saw a fish wishing he were a frog."

9. Your parents love you! We talk about you everyday. It wouldn't hurt to call sometimes and invite them down for a minute or two. They might come with bags of groceries in each arm.

10. I know the time will come when you may go on an adventure such as a move out of state a trip to australia or whatever else crosses that mind of yours. We will probably throw out all kinds of cautions. That's just what parents do but follow your dreams anyhow. Please don't ever move off without letting us know where you are and dropping a note once in a while just to say you OK. Parents have spent 18 years listening to your every breath and losing sleep if you missed a breath and they just can't get out of the habit that easily. You can do most anything you want and you will have our approval as long as we know you are OK.

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11. We need to get the title transferred on the car & some repairs made soon. The new guy I hired is also a mechanic so plan a Saturday out here real soon.
12. If you maintain your apartment address over the summer it may be worth \$3500 in grants next fall. You can come stay with us ~~&~~ but you need to prove you are living on your own to be considered on your own income.