

Case Study B

This young family lives in Southern California where the cost of real estate is high. Jerry is 40 years old and works as a police officer. Janice is 38 years old and is an X-ray technician. Neither are followers of Jesus Christ, but they do have a religious background. They do not attend church. They have two young children, Billy who is 8 years old, and Barb who is 6 years old.

Due to the financial challenges in this home, Jerry and Janice do not have a good marital relationship. In fact, they are seeing a counselor weekly to save and strengthen their marriage. Previously unknown to Jerry, Janice has accumulated most of the credit card debt (Credit cards #1 to #5). He recently became aware of this debt and reached out to Crown for budget coaching. Currently, they are trying to make the minimum payments on all their debts.

Both Jerry and Janice are paid twice a month, on the first and fifteenth. Jerry has a part-time job as a security consultant. Jerry's employer pays the full premium for medical, dental and vision insurance for himself, Janice, and the two children. The medical plan doesn't charge for preventive care, but carries a 6,000 family deductible and pays various percentages after the deductible is met. Dental is no charge for regular cleaning and check-ups, and a percentage of dental repair. The Vision Insurance covers the cost of an annual vision exam and 50% of the cost of glasses or contact lenses.

Jerry's employer provides paid life insurance in the amount of 2 years salary. In addition, he has a term policy with Janice as the beneficiary. His employer also provides disability insurance which will pay 100% of his salary for short-term illnesses and 50% of his salary for long-term disability (longer than 6 months).

Jerry and Janice own their primary home. They kept their former home (which they originally bought for about \$650,000) as an investment home. Its monthly mortgage payment is 3,600. They get monthly rental income of 3,900, leaving 300 each month for maintenance, repairs, vacancies and other rental property costs. They are convinced that real estate, especially in Southern California, is a better investment than putting money into a 401k retirement plan.

They have been contributing 100/mo per child to a 529 college savings fund. Their goal is for their kids to not have to take out student loans or work their way through college.

Help Jerry and Janice with their budget and debts.

- Complete the "% Spending Plan" tab, using appropriate percentages from the "Percentage Guide" tab.
- In the "Spending Plan" tab, complete the "new budget" column, explaining significant changes in the "comments" column.
- Complete the Debt Snowball Calculator.

The questions below are from the Case Study B Assignment. They are listed here so you can be thinking about them as you review the forms in this spreadsheet.

1. Neither are followers of Jesus Christ, but they do have a religious background. They do not attend church. How can you gently introduce them to Jesus Christ as their personal Savior?
2. What biblical principles and practical tools could you suggest to help them find contentment while getting their discretionary spending under control?
3. Jerry and Janice have different goals. How can you help them both align on and achieve their goals? Jerry's Goals: Get out of credit card debt; balance the budget; live within their income; save more. Janice's Goal: Spend money without feeling guilty.
4. After completing the Percentage Spending Plan to show the guideline amounts, what recommendations would you bring to Jerry's and Janice's attention first? Why?
5. While referring to the Crown MoneyMap, what would you recommend they do in each of the first three Destinations? (List each destination along with specific suggestions for that destination before moving to the next.) In light of this, how would you advise them about contributing to their kids' college savings funds?
6. What options would you discuss with them regarding their rental/investment house?
7. From the Debt Snowball Calculator, answer the following questions:
 - How long will it take to pay off all their non-mortgage debt if they don't make any extra payments?
 - How long will it take to pay off all their non-mortgage debt if they pay an extra \$200/month?
 - How much extra per month should they pay if they want to be debt-free except for the mortgage in 5 years?

Assets & Liabilities		
Date:		Comments

ASSETS (Present Market Value)	Balance	
Cash On Hand (both husband and wife if married)	2,000.00	Family decided to begin Money Map steps & will move \$1k to set up their emergency fund account and use \$1k to pay down small balance on credit card #2
Checking Accounts	150.00	
Savings Accounts		
Stocks and Bonds		
Cash Value of Life Insurance		
Valuable Collections (coins, stamps, etc.)		
Primary Home Value (look up value, e.g., zillow.com)	900,000.00	
Other Real Estate (Rental Property)	700,000.00	
Mortgages/Notes Receivable		
Automobile 1 - 5 year-old Acura RDX	20,000.00	
Automobile 2 - 2 year-old Ford F-150	30,000.00	
Automobile 3 (look up value, e.g., kbb.com)		
Personal Property (Furniture, Jewelry, etc.)		
Retirement Savings (Jerry's 401k)	60,000.00	
Retirement Savings (Janice's 401k)	10,000.00	
College Savings Account	4,000.00	
Total Assets:	1,726,150.00	

LIABILITIES / DEBT LIST					
CREDIT CARDS (only list cards for which you do not pay the full statement balance each month)					
Credit Card Issuer	What Was Purchased	Minimum Monthly Payment	Interest Rate	Months Past Due	Balance Due
Credit Card #1		255.00	27.5%		10,000.00
Credit Card #2		45.00	24.3%		2,200.00
Credit Card #3		380.00	21.0%		18,000.00
Credit Card #4		560.00	20.0%		28,000.00
Credit Card #5		240.00	22.3%		10,800.00
Total Credit Cards		1,480.00			69,000.00

AUTO LOANS					
Loan Company	Year, Make, Model	Minimum Monthly Payment	Interest Rate	Months Past Due	Balance Due
Ford Financing Company	Ford F-150	600.00	5.0%		20,000.00
Total Auto Loans		600.00			20,000.00

HOME MORTGAGES (includes home equity loans or lines of credit)					
Mortgage Service Company	Property Address	Minimum Monthly Payment	Interest Rate	Months Past Due	Balance Due
Home Mortgage #1 (Primary Home)		4,800.00	4.5%		725,000.00
Home Mortgage #2 (Rental Property)		3,600.00	4.0%		550,000.00
					0.00
Total Home Mortgages		8,400.00			1,275,000.00

OTHER DEBT (education, medical, personal, business, legal, IRS, etc.)					
Who	Type of Debt (medical, education, etc.)	Minimum Monthly Payment	Interest Rate	Months Past Due	Balance Due
Personal Debt To Relatives		50.00	0.0%		3,500.00
Educational Loans		220.00	4.5%		24,000.00
Medical Bill		25.00	0.0%		400.00
Total Other Debt		295.00			27,900.00

Total Liabilities/Debts	1,391,900.00
NET WORTH (Total Assets minus Total Liabilities/Debts)	334,250.00

Instructions

1. Find the family situation that most closely represents your family (i.e. Married with 4 children, Single with roommate, etc.).
2. Find the gross income level that most closely represents your family (i.e. \$25,000 to \$125,000).
3. Taxes include all current actual monthly Federal, Social Security, Medicare, State, and Local Income Tax Taxes.

Suggested Percentage Guidelines For Family Income

(Married with 4 Children)

GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME:	25,000	35,000	45,000	55,000	85,000	125,000
1. Tithe/Giving	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
2. Total Taxes	Use Current Monthly Taxes					

Net Spendable Income:(Gross Income - Tithe/Giving - Total Taxes) percentages below add to 100%

3. Housing	38%	38%	34%	33%	32%	32%
4. Food	15%	15%	14%	14%	14%	14%
5. Transportation	14%	14%	12%	12%	11%	11%
6. Insurance	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
7. Debts	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
8. Entertainment/Recreation	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%
9. Clothing	5%	5%	6%	6%	7%	7%
10. Savings	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%
11. Health & Wellness	8%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%
12. Miscellaneous	3%	3%	5%	5%	5%	5%
13. Investments	0%	0%	3%	3%	4%	4%
Total Net Spendable Income:	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

14. School/Child Care no guideline percentages

Suggested Percentage Guidelines For Family Income

(Married with 2 Children)

GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME:	25,000	35,000	45,000	55,000	85,000	125,000
1. Tithe/Giving	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
2. Total Taxes	Use Current Monthly Taxes					
Net Spendable Income:(Gross Income - Tithe/Giving - Total Taxes) percentages below add to 100%						
3. Housing	39%	36%	32%	30%	30%	29%
4. Food	15%	12%	13%	12%	11%	11%
5. Transportation	15%	12%	13%	14%	13%	13%
6. Insurance	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
7. Debts	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
8. Entertainment/Recreation	3%	5%	5%	7%	7%	8%
9. Clothing	4%	5%	5%	6%	7%	7%
10. Savings	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
11. Health & Wellness	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%
12. Miscellaneous	4%	4%	6%	6%	7%	7%
13. Investments	0%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Total Net Spendable Income:	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

14. School/Child Care no guideline percentages

Suggested Percentage Guidelines For Family Income

(Married with No Children)

GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME:	25,000	35,000	45,000	55,000	85,000	125,000
1. Tithe/Giving	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
2. Total Taxes	Use Current Monthly Taxes					
Net Spendable Income:(Gross Income - Tithe/Giving - Total Taxes) percentages below add to 100%						
3. Housing	40%	36%	34%	32%	31%	30%
4. Food	15%	14%	13%	12%	11%	11%
5. Transportation	15%	14%	14%	13%	13%	13%
6. Insurance	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
7. Debts	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
8. Entertainment/Recreation	3%	4%	4%	5%	7%	7%
9. Clothing	4%	4%	5%	6%	6%	7%
10. Savings	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%
11. Health & Wellness	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%
12. Miscellaneous	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	7%
13. Investments	0%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Total Net Spendable Income:	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

14. School/Child Care no guideline percentages

Suggested Percentage Guidelines For Individual Income

(Single with 1 Child)

GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME:	25,000	35,000	45,000	55,000	85,000	125,000
1. Tithe/Giving	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
2. Total Taxes	Use Current Monthly Taxes					
Net Spendable Income:(Gross Income - Tithe/Giving - Total Taxes) percentages below add to 100%						
3. Housing	40%	39%	39%	36%	34%	30%
4. Food	15%	14%	14%	13%	13%	12%
5. Transportation	15%	14%	14%	13%	13%	12%
6. Insurance	3%	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%
7. Debts	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
8. Entertainment/Recreation	3%	4%	4%	6%	6%	6%
9. Clothing	5%	5%	5%	6%	7%	7%
10. Savings	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
11. Health & Wellness	6%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%
12. Miscellaneous	3%	4%	4%	6%	6%	6%
13. Investments	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%
Total Net Spendable Income:	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
14. School/Child Care	no guideline percentages					

Suggested Percentage Guidelines For Individual Income

(Single with No Children / Living Alone)

GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME:	25,000	35,000	45,000	55,000	85,000	125,000
1. Tithe/Giving	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
2. Total Taxes	Use Current Monthly Taxes					
Net Spendable Income:(Gross Income - Tithe/Giving - Total Taxes) percentages below add to 100%						
3. Housing	40%	38%	36%	34%	32%	30%
4. Food	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%	7%
5. Transportation	15%	15%	14%	14%	13%	13%
6. Insurance	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%
7. Debts	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
8. Entertainment/Recreation	6%	6%	7%	7%	8%	9%
9. Clothing	5%	6%	6%	7%	8%	8%
10. Savings	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
11. Health & Wellness	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%
12. Miscellaneous	5%	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
13. Investments	3%	4%	5%	5%	6%	7%
Total Net Spendable Income:	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
14. School/Child Care	no guideline percentages					

Suggested Percentage Guidelines For Individual Income

(Single with No Children / Living with Roommate)

GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME:	25,000	35,000	45,000	55,000	85,000	125,000
1. Tithe/Giving	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
2. Total Taxes	Use Current Monthly Taxes					
Net Spendable Income:(Gross Income - Tithe/Giving - Total Taxes) percentages below add to 100%						
3. Housing	25%	24%	23%	22%	21%	20%
4. Food	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%
5. Transportation	20%	19%	18%	16%	15%	13%
6. Insurance	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%
7. Debts	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
8. Entertainment/Recreation	9%	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%
9. Clothing	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%
10. Savings	8%	8%	9%	10%	10%	10%
11. Health & Wellness	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%
12. Miscellaneous	5%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%
13. Investments	5%	6%	7%	7%	8%	10%
Total Net Spendable Income:	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
14. School/Child Care	no guideline percentages					

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Percentage Spending Plan

Gross Monthly Income		<i>from Current Spending Plan:</i>	16,066	192,792
	Input appropriate % from "Percentage Guide"			Annual Income
Income Deductions	Percentage	x	Gross Monthly Income	= Guideline Amount
1. Tithe/Giving	10%	x	16,066	1,607
2. Total Taxes	<i>no guideline</i>		<i>actual from Current Spending Plan:</i>	0
Net Spendable Income (NSI)			14,459	173,513

Annual NSI

Expense Category	Percentage	x	Net Spendable Income	=	Guideline Amount
3. Housing	29%	x	14,459	=	4,193
4. Food	11%	x	14,459	=	1,591
5. Transportation	13%	x	14,459	=	1,880
6. Insurance	5%	x	14,459	=	723
7. Debts	5%	x	14,459	=	723
8. Entertainment/Recreation	8%	x	14,459	=	1,157
9. Clothing	7%	x	14,459	=	1,012
10. Savings	5%	x	14,459	=	723
11. Health & Wellness	5%	x	14,459	=	723
12. Miscellaneous	7%	x	14,459	=	1,012
13. Investments	5%	x	14,459	=	723
14. School/Child Care	<i>no guideline</i>				
Total Percentages: (cannot exceed 100%)			100%		
Total Guideline Expenses: (cannot exceed Net Spendable Income)					14,459

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Spending Plan	Current	Guideline	New Budget	Comments
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INCOME vs. EXPENSE SUMMARY (calculated)			
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Net Spendable Income	16,026		15,100
Less Total Expenses	18,260		15,100
Surplus or Deficit	(2,234)		0

After reviewing Jerry & Janice's case and praying for them and about their financial situation, I would make the following recommendations:

1. look for ways to increase income including raising rent in rental home
2. rollover credit card debt into 1 significantly reduced rate loan, i.e., ccc, debt consolidation, heloc, etc.
3. sell rental home as a last resort
4. Take \$1k from their current checking account to set up emergency fund
5. Begin saving 3-6 month living expenses as included in budget below

Monthly Income			
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Gross Monthly Income	16,066		16,700
Jerry's NET Income	7,000		7,000
Janice's NET Income	4,000		4,000
Jerry's part-time income (NET)	1,000		1,000
Commissions			
Bonuses/Tips			
Retirement Income			
Rental Income	3,900		4,300
Other Income	166		400
LESS			
Category 1 - Tithe/Giving (monthly)	40	1,607	1,600
The Local Church			1,200
The Poor			100
Other Ministries			200
Other Giving	40		100
Category 2 - Taxes (monthly)	0	0	0
Taxes (Fed, State, Medicare, Social Security)			
Other			
<small>do not include medical/dental premiums, retirement plans, HSA/FSA contributions, charity contributions that are taken out of the paycheck. Instead, include these deductions as expenses below</small>			
NET SPENDABLE INCOME (monthly)	16,026	14,459	15,100

family was able to increase rent in their rental property
Janice can pick up 1 extra OT shift per month where she works

Monthly Expenses			
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Category 3 - Housing (monthly)	9,970	4,193	9,385
Mortgage(s) (from Debt List)	8,400		8,400
Extra Mortgage Payment			0
Rent			
Insurance			
Home Warranty	30		30
Electricity	300		225
Home Owners Association	400		400
Water and Garbage Pickup	100		80
Yard Service	250		0

family has made purposeful decisions to reduce their housing expenses as follows

family is taking measures to reduce electricity consumption

family is taking measures to save on their water consumption

family has eliminated their paid yard service & has decided to do it themselves

Spending Plan	Current	Guideline	New Budget	Comments
Telephone / Cell phone	300		200	family found a cheaper family plan
Maintenance				
Cable TV	115		0	family has eliminated cable tv in their home
Internet	75		50	family has downgraded their internet plan
Category 4 - Food (monthly)	1,450	1,591	1,591	
Grocery	1,450		1,591	
Other				
Category 5 - Transportation (monthly)	1,525	1,880	1,575	
Auto Payment(s) <i>(from Debt List)</i>	600		600	
Extra Auto Payment				
Gas & Oil	400		350	
Auto Insurance	290		290	
Licenses & Taxes	35		35	
Maintenance	100		100	
Replacement			100	future car replacement added into budget
Other - Tolls/Parking/Transit Fares	100		100	
Category 6 - Insurance (monthly)	67	723	67	
Life - 750,000 20 year term on Jerry	67		67	
Health/Dental				
Disability				
Other				
Category 7 - Debts (monthly)	1,775	723	875	
Total Credit Cards <i>(from Debt List)</i>	1,480		1,480	
Total Other Debt <i>(from Debt List)</i>	295		295	
CCC Debt repayment plan @ 8%			(900)	CCC credit card repayment plan \$480 per mo + \$100 extra towards debt repayment as able to
Category 8 - Entertainment & Recreation (monthly)	1,498	1,157	305	
Eating Out	400		0	
Lunches	200		0	
Movies/Events	200		0	
Activities (Kids)	300		100	
Baby Sitters	100		0	
Health Club	50		25	gym membership expenses reduced by changing to Planet Fitness
Vacation	100		100	
Amazon Prime	15		15	
Audible	15		15	
Sirius	27		0	
Netflix	16		0	
Apple	25		0	
Pets	50		50	
Category 9 - Clothing (monthly)	50	1,012	180	
Children's Clothing Needs	50		100	
Husband/Wife Clothing Needs			80	

Spending Plan	Current	Guideline	New Budget	Comments
Other				
Category 10 - Savings (monthly)	200	723	100	
Savings Account	200		100	family will begin saving 3-6 months of living expenses
Credit Union				
Other				
Category 11 - Health & Wellness (monthly)	450	723	500	
Medical/Dental/Vision	100		100	
Dentist			50	
Prescriptions				
Eye Glasses / Contacts	50		50	
Marriage Counseling	300		300	
Category 12 - Miscellaneous (monthly)	875	1,012	322	
Toiletries / Cosmetics			100	
Beauty / Barber			72	
Laundry / Cleaning			100	
Allowances				
Gifts (including Christmas)	75		50	
Cash (Jerry)	400		0	
Cash (Janice)	400		0	
Other				
Category 13 - Investments (monthly)	400	723	200	
Employer 401k/403b plans	200		200	family decided to pause their college plan until debt is paid off and then use those allocated \$ to put into the plan
Retirement IRAs				
College Fund - 529 plan	200		0	
Non-Retirement Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds				
Other				
Category 14 - School/Child Care (monthly) (1)	0		0	
School Tuition				
School Books, Supplies, Materials, etc				
Transportation				
Day Care				
Tutoring, Lessons for Music, Dance, etc				
Other				
Total Expenses	18,260	14,459	15,100	

(1) This category does not have a guideline amount.