

CASE STUDY D

Peter and Shelly Smith are 29 and 27, respectively. They have two children, ages 4 and 6. They live in a small rural town. Peter is a sales rep for an agricultural supply company and currently makes \$2,500 per month. They have monthly financial problems, except that they have little margin in their lives. They owe \$4,000 to a credit card, which is not paid eventually. However, there is no immediate pressure to repay this loan. The Smith's receive tax refunds each year, which they spend frivolously. When their first child was born, they purchased a car. Medical insurance is provided through Peter's employer for a small monthly amount.

The questions below will be in the Test for Case Study D. They are listed here so you can be thinking about them while filling out the forms in this spreadsheet.

1. How do the Smiths' expense categories compare to the suggested percentage guidelines for the budget? Do you suggest any changes? These changes may include increasing, decreasing, adding or deleting line items. Provide reasoning behind your recommendations.
2. The Smiths' income is relatively low. Many would use this as an excuse to not give at all, or to give less than 10% faithfully giving a full 10% of their income. What discussion might you have with them around the importance of giving?
3. Discuss the Smiths' current use of their yearly income tax refund. Would you suggest any changes? If so, what and what should they consider in making their decision?
4. Are the Smiths preparing adequately for emergencies and the future? How would you discuss this with them?
5. Though the Smiths do not have sizable debt now, what advice would you give them about paying down debt and future indebtedness?
6. While referring to the Crown MoneyMap, what would you recommend that they make in order to reach their financial Destinations?
7. While referring to the Crown MoneyMap, how would you engage the Smith's in discussing the importance of giving?
8. How would you help Peter and Shelly understand the importance of being faithful stewards? (What would you say to them with them to become more faithful stewards?)
9. What steps can they take to leave a legacy for their children that will impact eternity, as well as their lives?

10. Consider the Four Levels of Financial Difficulties discussed in the Coaching Practice section of t you say best fits the Smiths' situation and why? Looking back on the other case studies, what level fits:

- Case Study A: Mindy, who became a single mom
- Case Study B: Jerry and Janice, who made decent money, had a second home (rental property), a
- Case Study C: Matthew and Sharon, who also made decent money, but had some credit card debt their children's education.

(This does not need to be an in-depth discussion. A brief analysis is fine.)

LIABILITIES / DEBT LIST ¹

CREDIT CARDS	What Was Purchased	Minimum Monthly Payments	Interest Rate	Past Due?
Credit Card (Visa)		\$20.00	13.0%	
Total Credit Cards		\$20.00		
AUTO LOANS				
Total Auto Loans		\$0.00		
HOME MORTGAGES				
Total Home Mortgages		\$0.00		
OTHER DEBT (education, medical, personal, business, legal, IRS, etc.)				
Personal Debt to Parents				
Total Other Debt		\$0.00		

Spending Plan	Current
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INCOME vs. EXPENSE SUMMARY (calculations)

Net Spendable Income	\$1,700
Less Total Expenses	\$1,628
Surplus or Deficit	\$72

Monthly Income

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME	\$2,500
Monthly Salary	\$2,500
Interest Income	
Dividends	
Commissions	
Bonuses/Tips	
Retirement Income	
Net Business Income	
Other Income	
LESS	
Category 1 - Tithe/Giving (monthly)	\$250
The Local Church	\$250
The Poor	
Other Ministries	
Other Giving	
Category 2 - Taxes (monthly)	\$550
Taxes (Fed, State, Medicare, Social Security)	\$550
Other	
<i>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</i>	
NET SPENDABLE INCOME (monthly)	\$1,700

Monthly Expenses

Category 3 - Housing (monthly)	\$513
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Mortgage(s) <i>(from Debt List)</i>	\$0
Rent	\$375
Insurance	
Property Taxes	
Electricity	\$55
Gas	\$40
Water	\$13
Sanitation	\$5
Telephone / Cell phone	\$25
Maintenance	
Internet / Cable Service	
Other	
Category 4 - Food (monthly)	
	\$350
Grocery	\$350
Other	
Category 5 - Transportation (monthly)	
	\$182
Auto Payment(s) <i>(from Debt List)</i>	\$0
Gas & Oil	\$80
Auto Insurance	\$50
Licenses & Taxes	\$12
Maintenance	\$40
Replacement	
Other - Tolls/Parking/Transit Fares	
Category 6 - Insurance (monthly)	
	\$60
Life (\$30,000 Whole Life)	\$60
Health/Dental	
Disability	
Other	
Category 7 - Debts (monthly)	
	\$20
Total Credit Cards <i>(from Debt List)</i>	\$20
Total Other Debt <i>(from Debt List)</i>	\$0
Extra Debt Payments	
Category 8 - Entertainment & Recreation (monthly)	
	\$230
Eating Out / Lunches	\$80
Baby Sitters	\$20
Activities / Trips	\$55
Vacation	\$75
Pets	
Hobbies and Sports	
Other	

Category 9 - Clothing (monthly)		\$50
Clothing		\$50
Other		
Category 10 - Savings (monthly)		\$25
Savings Account		\$25
Credit Union		
Other		
Category 11 - Health & Wellness (monthly)		\$50
Doctor		\$20
Dentist		\$20
Prescriptions		\$10
Eye Glasses / Contacts		
Other		
Category 12 - Miscellaneous (monthly)		\$148
Toiletries / Cosmetics		
Beauty / Barber		
Laundry / Cleaning		
Allowances / Lunches		\$35
Subscriptions		\$3
Gifts (including Christmas)		\$40
Cash		\$70
Other		
Category 13 - Investments (monthly)		\$0
Employer 401k/403b plans		
Retirement IRAs		
College Funds		
Non-Retirement Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds		
Investment Real Estate		
Other		
Category 14 - School/Child Care (monthly)		\$0
School Tuition		
School Books, Supplies, Materials, etc		
Transportation		
Day Care		
Tutoring, Lessons for Music, Dance, etc		
Other		
Total Expenses		\$1,628

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	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
2. Total Taxes ¹	Use Current Monthly Withholdings					
Net Spendable Income:(Gross Income - Tithe/Giving - Total Taxes) percentages below add to 100%						
3. Housing	39.0%	36.0%	32.0%	30.0%	30.0%	29.0%
4. Food	15.0%	12.0%	13.0%	12.0%	11.0%	11.0%
5. Transportation	15.0%	12.0%	13.0%	14.0%	13.0%	13.0%
6. Insurance	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
7. Debts	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
8. Entertainment/Recreation	3.0%	5.0%	5.0%	7.0%	7.0%	8.0%
9. Clothing	4.0%	5.0%	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%	7.0%
10. Savings	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
11. Health & Wellness	5.0%	6.0%	6.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
12. Miscellaneous	4.0%	4.0%	6.0%	6.0%	7.0%	7.0%
13. Investments	0.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Total Net Spendable Income:	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
14. School/Child Care ²	8.0%	6.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%

¹ Taxes include all current monthly Federal, Social Security, Medicare, State and Local income taxes.

² This category is added as a guide only. If you have this expense, the percentage shown must be deducted from other budget categories so overall Net Spendable Income equals 100%.



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Percentage Spending Plan ¹

Annual Income: \$ 30,000

Gross Monthly Income:

Use appropriate % from "Percentage Guide"

1. Tithe/Giving

10.0%

x

2,500

1. Total Taxes

Actual Current

Monthly Withholdings

Net Spendable Income (NSI)

Spending Category	Percentage		Net Spendable Income	
3. Housing	36.0%	x	1,700	=
4. Food	12.0%	x	1,700	=
5. Transportation	12.0%	x	1,700	=
6. Insurance	5.0%	x	1,700	=
7. Debts	5.0%	x	1,700	=
8. Entertainment/Recreation	5.0%	x	1,700	=
9. Clothing	5.0%	x	1,700	=
10. Savings	5.0%	x	1,700	=
11. Health & Wellness	6.0%	x	1,700	=
12. Miscellaneous	4.0%	x	1,700	=
13. Investments	5.0%	x	1,700	=
14. School/Child Care ²	0.0%	x	1,700	=

Total: (cannot exceed 100%) 100.0%

TOTAL: (cannot exceed Net Spendable Income)

¹ Use current actual monthly Federal, Social Security, Medicare, State, and Local tax with

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\$	2,500
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250
550
1,700

\$	20,400.00	Annual NSI
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Amount

612

204

204

85

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102

68

85

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1,700 OK

holdings

must be deducted from other budget categories