

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 a 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 paid eventually. However, there is no immediate pressure to repay this loan. The Smith's receive a tax refund 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 categories? Do you suggest any changes? These changes may include increasing, decreasing, adding or deleting line items. Explain your 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 a small amount, not faithfully giving a full 10% of their income. What discussion might you have with them around the importance of faithfully giving a full 10% of their income?
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 their 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 saving for the future?
8. How would you help Peter and Shelly understand the importance of being faithful stewards? (What steps can you take 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 deb
- 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
Credit Card (Visa)		\$20.00
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

Interest Rate	Past Due?	Balance Due
13.0%		\$800.00
		\$800.00
		\$0.00
		\$0.00
		\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

Spending Plan	Current
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INCOME vs. EXPENSE SUMMARY (calculated)	
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

Mortgage(s) <i>(from Debt List)</i>	\$0
Rent	\$375
Insurance	\$0
Property Taxes	\$0
Electricity	\$55
Gas	\$40
Water	\$13
Sanitation	\$5
Telephone / Cell phone	\$25
Maintenance	\$0
Internet / Cable Service	\$0
Other	\$0
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%.



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	38.0%	x	1,700	=
4. Food	15.0%	x	1,700	=
5. Transportation	14.0%	x	1,700	=
6. Insurance	5.0%	x	1,700	=
7. Debts	5.0%	x	1,700	=
8. Entertainment/Recreation	4.0%	x	1,700	=
9. Clothing	5.0%	x	1,700	=
10. Savings	4.0%	x	1,700	=
11. Health & Wellness	7.0%	x	1,700	=
12. Miscellaneous	3.0%	x	1,700	=
13. Investments	0.0%	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 withh

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so overall Net Spendable Income equals 100%.

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\$	2,500
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250	
550	
1,700	
	\$ 20,400.00 Annual NSI
Amount	
646	
255	
238	
85	
85	
68	
85	
68	
119	
51	
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-	

1,700 OK

holdings

must be deducted from other budget categories