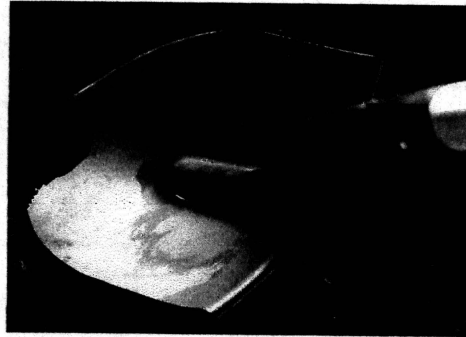


## The Disciple's Finances

### Verses to Consider:

- Luke 14:33 – You cannot be Jesus' disciple until you give up everything you have.
- Luke 16:10-11 – You will never receive “true riches” until you rightly handle “worldly wealth.”



### I. Introduction to Money

- A. Definition: According to MS Word, it is a “medium of \_\_\_\_\_.”
- B. Money is amoral. It is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_. It is the love of money that is evil according to 1 Tim. 6:10.
- C. Money represents \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. God \_\_\_\_\_ all money – Hagg. 2:8.
- E. God gives money as He \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Chron. 29:12. There is no evidence in Scripture that wealth is automatically a sign of godliness and poverty a sign of judgment.

- F. God does promise to meet our \_\_\_\_\_ if we “seek first His kingdom and His righteousness” – Matt. 6:33. “All these things” in this verse refers to basic needs of food, drink, and clothes.
- G. It is God’s desire to provide a \_\_\_\_\_ – Prov. 3:9-10, i.e., a measure beyond what is required or something discretionary.
- H. We are to be \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Tim. 6:6.

**II. The Shovel: Work.** Prov. 23:4-5; Prov. 20:13; 21:17

- A. God \_\_\_\_\_ man to work – Gen. 2:15. Cross references – Ps. 104:23; Ecc. 2:24.
- B. Put away the desire to get rich \_\_\_\_\_ – Prov. 13:11; 14:23; 12:11; 28:20.
- C. Hard work validates your \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Thes. 4:11-12.
- D. It gives you something to \_\_\_\_\_ with those in need – Eph 4:28.
- E. Christian families must decide how best to \_\_\_\_\_ Titus 2:5: Christian wives are to be “workers at home.” What does this mean? It means that the home is the woman’s dominion. She has the divine responsibility to manage the affairs of the household – 1 Tim. 5:14.

**III. How Much Dirt Do I Put in Each Bucket?**

- A. The godly \_\_\_\_\_ and give thought to their steps – Prov. 27:23-27; Prov. 14:15
- B. Develop and live on a \_\_\_\_\_! A budget gives a sense of freedom and empowerment. Not knowing where your money is going breeds anxiety.
  - i. If you’re having trouble living on the budget you write down, try going to the \_\_\_\_\_, envelope system.
  - ii. Once things are under control, you may find an electronic system easier to use.

**IV. Bucket #1: Spending.**

- A. What to spend money on:
  - i. Your \_\_\_\_\_ – Acts 20:33-34.
  - ii. Your \_\_\_\_\_ needs – 1 Tim. 5:8.
  - iii. Your discretions – Ecc. 5:19; 1 Tim. 6:17. This is anything beyond our physical needs. God gives the freedom for us to enjoy what He’s given provided we realize it is His and walk in His leading.
- B. Debt
  - i. Debt leads to \_\_\_\_\_ – Prov. 22:7.
  - ii. We are commanded to get out of debt – Rom. 13:8.
  - iii. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ a loan unless you’re willing to pay the debt – Prov. 11:15.
  - iv. Unless you pay the balance every month and have your spending under control, get rid of credit cards!
  - v. Always consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of debt – Prov. 22:26-27. Bad things happen in life.

**C. Vehicles.**

- i. High depreciating item, which means high risk. That is why so many people get upside down in their vehicles.
- ii. The car you own is almost always the \_\_\_\_\_ option!  
Sometimes hassle factor or family growth warrants a change, but we shouldn't use maintenance as an excuse.
- iii. Don't be scared about high mileage vehicles.
- iv. Some cost comparisons: Toyota Camry LE on Kbb.com

	New	New	3 Year Old 30,000 mi.	3 Year Old 30,000 mi.	6 Year Old 60,000 mi.
Purchase Price	\$21,537	\$21,537	\$16,845	\$16,845	\$12,193
Interest Rate	2.85%	Cash	2.67%	Cash	Cash
Total Cost	\$23,135	\$21,537	\$18,012	\$16,845	\$12,193
Savings Over New Financed	\$0	\$1,598	\$5,123	\$6,290	\$10,942

- v. Make car payments to \_\_\_\_\_ and pay cash for vehicles. The average car payment in America is roughly \$475. If that were invested at a low interest rate over 30 years, it would be worth over \$700,000, while only saving \$171,000.

**D. Houses.**

- i. Appreciating item, which means lower risk. The larger the down payment, the \_\_\_\_\_ the risk.
- ii. Get a 15-year mortgage if at all possible. You are much more likely to pay it off quicker.

	15 Year	20 Year	30 Year
Principal Loan Amount	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Interest Rate	3.56%	4.18%	4.31%
Total Cost	\$193,815	\$221,583	\$267,548

- iii. Understand your amortization schedule and pay extra principal.
- iv. \_\_\_\_\_ is not always a bad decision. This is very low risk.

**E. Miscellaneous.**

- i. Buy life insurance. 1 Tim. 5:8 – this command doesn't end just because you die.
- ii. Consider using money to buy \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. Build sales \_\_\_\_\_.  
  1. Be intentional about what you buy.
  2. Research.
  3. Take some time to breathe and \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv. It's okay to say "No" to \_\_\_\_\_.

**V. Bucket #2: Saving**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ save money – Prov. 21:20; Prov. 30:24-25.
- B. The godly put their money to \_\_\_\_\_ – Matt. 25:24-28.
- C. Beware of \_\_\_\_\_ - Luke 12:15-21. The key here is motivation. Do you desire to please God by saving or finding security in your money?  
Matt. 6:19-21
- D. How to save:
  - i. Pay \_\_\_\_\_ first.
  - ii. Pay cash for purchases.
  - iii. Utilize automatic deposits.
  - iv. Preserve windfalls.
  - v. Start \_\_\_\_\_! The power of compound interest is found more in time than anything else. Just about anyone can save a large nest egg given enough time. Albert Einstein said, "Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it ... he who doesn't ... pays it."

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
Amount Invested Each Month	\$500	\$500	\$1000	\$1500
Number of Years	40	30	30	20
Interest Rate	10%	10%	10%	10%
Total Amount Invested	\$240,000	\$180,000	\$360,000	\$360,000
Ending Balance	\$3.2 million	\$1.1 million	\$2.3 million	\$1.1 million

- E. What to save for:
  - i. Emergencies – A good rule of thumb is \_\_\_\_\_ months of living expenses in a savings vehicle that is easily accessible.
  - ii. Purchases
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ needs (i.e. retirement, children’s college). Take advantage of tax-favored investments like 529’s for college, IRA’s and 401K’s for retirement.
  - iv. Leaving an \_\_\_\_\_ – Prov. 13:22.

**VI. Bucket #3: Giving.**

- A. God is a \_\_\_\_\_, and we are to be like Him – John 3:16.
- B. Giving is a \_\_\_\_\_ to the soul – Acts 20:35.
- C. God blesses the \_\_\_\_\_ man – Prov. 11:25.
- D. We store up an eternal \_\_\_\_\_ when we give – Phil. 4:17; 1 Tim. 6:18-19.
- E. We receive blessing in proportion to the \_\_\_\_\_ we give – 2 Cor. 9:6.
- F. We are to give \_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Cor. 9:7.
- G. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ our giving and give regularly – 1 Cor. 16:2. Develop a giving budget.
- H. Not giving is \_\_\_\_\_ God – Mal. 3:8.

- I. Where to give:
- i. The \_\_\_\_\_ you attend – 1 Tim. 5:17-18
  - ii. Those who preach the \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Cor. 9:14; Rom. 10:14-15.  
This includes those who take the Gospel to other parts of the world.
  - iii. Those who have ministered to us – Gal. 6:6; 1 Cor. 9:11.
  - iv. The \_\_\_\_\_ and helpless, especially orphans and widows – Prov. 22:9; Jam. 1:27.
  - v. To anyone in need – Luke 10:30-36 (the good Samaritan); Matt. 5:42; Rom. 12:13.

**Some Recommended Materials** – Prov. 13:18.

- Excellent Biblical treatment of stewardship – Wealth and Wisdom by Jake Barnett
- Books with practical steps for money management:
  - Financial Peace Revisited by Dave Ramsey
  - Sound Mind Investing Handbook by Austin Pryor
  - Your Money Map: A Proven 7-Step Guide to True Financial Freedom by Howard Dayton
- Class everyone should attend – “Financial Peace University”
- Classic sermon on finances from discipleshiplibrary.com – “Financial Responsibility” by Gene Warr
- Budgeting tools – daveramsey.com
- Online expense tracking – Mvelopes.com
- Monthly newsletter on personal finance and investing from a Biblical perspective – soundmindinvesting.com
- Becoming a smarter consumer – “Consumer Reports” magazine or online at consumerreports.org
- Other inspiring books:
  - The Richest Man in Babylon by George Clason
  - The Millionaire Next Door by Thomas Stanley and William Danko
- Other authors to consider: Larry Burkett, Ron Blue

# Monthly Cash Flow Plan

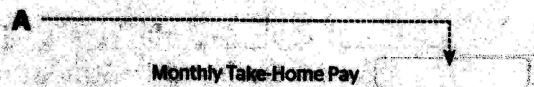
Cash flows in and out each month. Make sure you tell it where to go!

**Yes, this budget form has a lot of lines and blanks.**

But that's okay. We do that so we can list practically every expense imaginable on this form to prevent you from forgetting something. Don't expect to put something on every line. Just use the ones that are relevant to your specific situation.

## Step 1

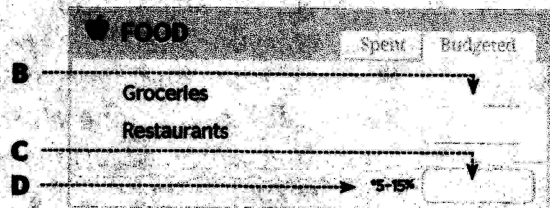
Enter your monthly take-home pay in the box at the top right (A). This is the amount you have for the month to budget. So far so good, huh?



## Step 2

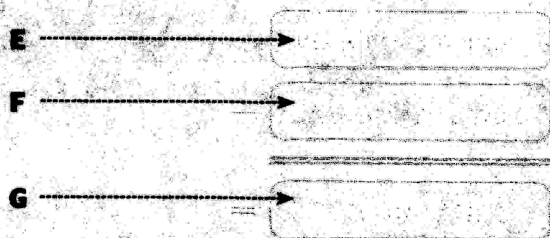
Within each main category, such as Food, there are subcategories, like Groceries. Start at the top and work your way down, filling out the Budgeted column (B) first. Add up each subcategory and put that number in the Total box (C).

Also, pay attention to Dave's recommended percentages (D). This will help you keep from budgeting too much for a category.



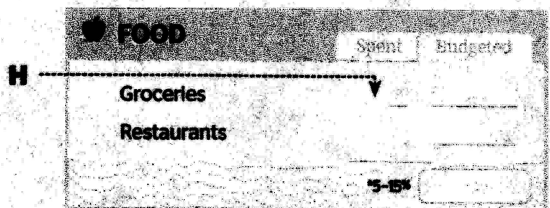
## Step 3

Finally, enter your take-home pay in the top box at the end of the page (E), then add up all categories and place that total in the Category Totals box (F). Then subtract your Category Totals amount from your Take-Home Pay. You should have a zero balance (G). Doesn't that feel great?



## Step 4

When the month ends, put what you actually spent in the Spent column (H). That will help you make any necessary adjustments to the next month's budget.



# Monthly Cash Flow Plan

Cash flows in and out each month. Make sure you tell it where to go!

## Monthly Take-Home Pay

Add up budgeted column & enter here

These icons represent good options for cash envelopes

♥ CHARITY		Spent	Budgeted
Tithes			
Charity & Offerings			
		*10-15%	
🏠 SAVING		Spent	Budgeted
Emergency Fund			
Retirement Fund			
College Fund			
		*10-15%	
🏠 HOUSING		Spent	Budgeted
First Mortgage/Rent			
Second Mortgage			
Real Estate Taxes			
Repairs/Maint.			
Association Dues			
		*25-35%	
⚙️ UTILITIES		Spent	Budgeted
Electricity			
Gas			
Water			
Trash			
Phone/Mobile			
Internet			
Cable			
		*5-10%	

🍏 FOOD		Spent	Budgeted
✉️ Groceries			
✉️ Restaurants			
		*5-15%	
👕 CLOTHING		Spent	Budgeted
✉️ Adults			
✉️ Children			
✉️ Cleaning/Laundry			
		*2-7%	
🚗 TRANSPORTATION		Spent	Budgeted
Gas & Oil			
✉️ Repairs & Tires			
License & Taxes			
Car Replacement			
Other _____			
		*10-15%	
🏥 MEDICAL/HEALTH		Spent	Budgeted
Medications			
Doctor Bills			
Dentist			
Optometrist			
Vitamins			
Other _____			
Other _____			
		*5-10%	

\*Dave's Recommended Percentages

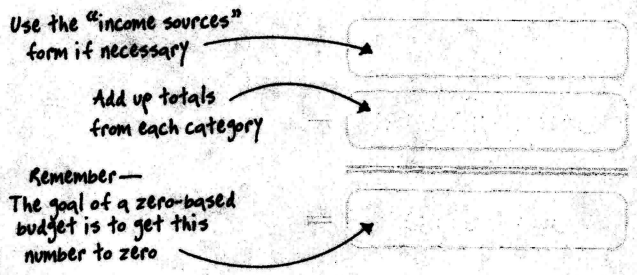
INSURANCE	Spent	Budgeted
Life Insurance		
Health Insurance		
Homeowner/Renter		
Auto Insurance		
Disability Insurance		
Identity Theft		
Long-Term Care		
	*10-25%	

PERSONAL	Spent	Budgeted
Child Care/Sitter		
Toiletries		
Cosmetics/Hair Care		
Education/Tuition		
Books/Supplies		
Child Support		
Alimony		
Subscriptions		
Organization Dues		
Gifts (inc. Christmas)		
Replace Furniture		
Pocket Money (His)		
Pocket Money (Hers)		
Baby Supplies		
Pet Supplies		
Music/Technology		
Miscellaneous		
Other _____		
Other _____		
	*5-10%	

RECREATION	Spent	Budgeted
Entertainment		
Vacation		
	*5-10%	

DEBTS	Spent	Budgeted
Car Payment 1		
Car Payment 2		
Credit Card 1 _____		
Credit Card 2 _____		
Credit Card 3 _____		
Credit Card 4 _____		
Credit Card 5 _____		
Student Loan 1		
Student Loan 2		
Student Loan 3		
Student Loan 4		
Other _____		
Other _____		
Other _____		
Other _____		
Other _____		
Your goal is 0%	*5-10%	

Once you have completed filling out each category, subtract all category totals from your take-home pay.





### Loan Summary

Principal:	\$150000
Interest Rate:	4.31%
Loan Term:	30 years

### Payment Summary

Number of Payments:	360
<b>Monthly Payment:</b>	<b>\$743.19</b>
Total Principal Paid:	\$150,000.00
Total Interest Paid:	\$117,547.76
<b>Total Paid:</b>	<b>\$267,547.76</b>

### Monthly Amortization Schedule

Payment	Amount	Principal	Interest	Balance
1	\$743.19	\$204.44	\$538.75	\$149,795.56
2	\$743.19	\$205.17	\$538.02	\$149,590.39
3	\$743.19	\$205.91	\$537.28	\$149,384.48
4	\$743.19	\$206.65	\$536.54	\$149,177.83
5	\$743.19	\$207.39	\$535.80	\$148,970.44
6	\$743.19	\$208.14	\$535.05	\$148,762.30
7	\$743.19	\$208.88	\$534.30	\$148,553.42
8	\$743.19	\$209.63	\$533.55	\$148,343.79
9	\$743.19	\$210.39	\$532.80	\$148,133.40
10	\$743.19	\$211.14	\$532.05	\$147,922.26
11	\$743.19	\$211.90	\$531.29	\$147,710.36
12	\$743.19	\$212.66	\$530.53	\$147,497.69
13	\$743.19	\$213.43	\$529.76	\$147,284.27
14	\$743.19	\$214.19	\$529.00	\$147,070.08
15	\$743.19	\$214.96	\$528.23	\$146,855.12
16	\$743.19	\$215.73	\$527.45	\$146,639.38
17	\$743.19	\$216.51	\$526.68	\$146,422.87
18	\$743.19	\$217.29	\$525.90	\$146,205.59
19	\$743.19	\$218.07	\$525.12	\$145,987.52
20	\$743.19	\$218.85	\$524.34	\$145,768.67
21	\$743.19	\$219.64	\$523.55	\$145,549.04
22	\$743.19	\$220.42	\$522.76	\$145,328.61
23	\$743.19	\$221.22	\$521.97	\$145,107.39
24	\$743.19	\$222.01	\$521.18	\$144,885.38
25	\$743.19	\$222.81	\$520.38	\$144,662.58
26	\$743.19	\$223.61	\$519.58	\$144,438.97
27	\$743.19	\$224.41	\$518.78	\$144,214.56

