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Are you happy *with your savings?*



Saving obstacles

- Monthly bills, obligations and spending habits exceed your income.
- You're unsure where to begin.
- You believe you have sufficient time.
- You fear losing money in the market.
- Savings options seem too complicated.



Dealing with debt

- Know how much you owe.
- Pay bills regularly and on time.
- Always make at least the minimum payment.
- Pay higher interest debt first.
- Pay off one debt, then target that payment toward the next (or start saving).



Get control

- Live within your means. Create a spending plan.
- Save then spend, not spend then save. Make saving automatic.
- Start now. It's always better than starting later.
- Outpace inflation. The longer you live, the more you need to do so.
- Take advantage of tax deferral and other strategies. We can help.

Did you know? The average:

household debt is \$155,622

credit card debt \$5,525 (per card)

mortgages **\$229,242**

student loan debt \$38,792

auto loan debt **\$20,509**

other debt **\$25,212**

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Are you controlling your money, or is it controlling you?

Income	Client	Spouse
Monthly take-home pay	\$	_ \$
Additional income	\$	_ \$
Total monthly income	\$	_ + \$ = \$
Expenses		
Mortgage/Rent (including insurance and taxes)	\$	_
• Transportation (loans, gas, insurance, etc.)	\$	_
• Utilities (heat, electricity, water, etc.)	\$	Planning for a secure financial
• Extras (cable, internet, cell phone, gym, etc.)	\$	
• Groceries	\$	
Life insurance premiums	\$	- Ask yourself these questions. Are you living within your means?
Medical (co-pays, prescriptions,		Do you set aside money each month
health insurance premiums)	\$	for savings? Do you have an emergency fund?
 Dining, travel and entertainment 	\$	Are you comfortable with your current cash flow?
Child care	\$	Create peace of mind – plan for life – and enjoy your future!
• Credit cards	\$	
• Other debt (i.e. student loans)	\$	
Savings and investments	\$	_
• Other:	\$	_

- \$_____ **Total monthly expenses Cash flow** = \$_____ Income minus expenses