



MONEY MATTERS

WELCOME TO FINANCIAL BOOM!

Session 4 - Budgeting

The 70% principle of lasting wealth

If you are not in debt:

- The first 10% goes to your tithe
- The second 10% goes into savings
- The third 10% goes toward investments

If you are in debt

- The first 10% goes to your tithe
- The second 10% goes to pay off debt
- The third 10% goes into savings

How to budget

- For **three months** – **keep track of EVERYTHING you spend!** Take a **3 month average**. Otherwise you won't be able to budget.
- Do a budget on **excel**.
- If you **are married**, you must do this **together with your spouse**.

The issue is not how much a person makes. Big industry and big salaries are a fact of our times, and they are not necessarily evil. The evil is in being deceived into thinking a \$100 000 salary per month must be accompanied by a \$100 000 lifestyle. God has made us to be conduits of his grace. The danger is in thinking the conduit should be lined with gold. It shouldn't. Copper will do. - John Piper

There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them – CS Lewis

Just because you can afford it does not mean that you should buy it – Susanna Monica Kruger

Practical

- **Draw up a budget or improve your current budget**
- **Reprioritise** expenses and savings if necessary
- **Discuss your budget with God.**

Resources and recommended books

Dave Ramsey – My total money makeover

Randy Alcorn – Money, wealth & eternity

Nelson Searcy - The generosity ladder

Craig Hill and Earl Pitts - Wealth, Riches and money

	Estimate	Actual	Notes
Income			
Gross (before tax)	15000		
Total Net income	13546		
Expenses			
	13535	0	
Tithe: 10%	1500		
Retirement annuity: 10%	1500		
Rent	2200		
Car	1000		
Insurance	400		
Medical aid	1100		
Electricity & water	500		
Cell phone	250		
Bank charges	100		
Gym/Exercise	225		
Petrol	600		
Domestic worker	360		
Pets	100		
Groceries	1800		
Household items	400		
Short term savings	1500		
	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	

Savings short term: 10%	1500	0
Giving	300	
Clothes	250	
Holidays	200	
Medical	200	
Entertainment & eating out	150	
Car services	200	
Capital expenditure	200	

Other things to save for:

Missions
 Birthdays/anniversaries when you are married
 Child university
 Skin products (if you are a girl)
 Hobbies
 Vehicle expenses e.g. renewal of licences, new tires
 Baby/second baby