Money Inventory Self Evaluation



- 1. This money inventory tool helps you to evaluate several areas of your financial life. Financial Hygiene, Savings, Earnings, Spending, Giving and Money Mind-set, are all part of what it takes to be in a mature healthy relationship with money in this world. You may excel in some areas while opportunity for improvement presents in other areas. We all have growing edges.
- 2. Check "YES" or "NO" to each statement. Be honest with yourself. Denial doesn't serve us and prevents us from forward movement. Besides, no one will see this. It is for your eyes only!
- 3. I want this inventory to shine light on the gaps you have in your money life that are keeping you stuck and creating stress in your life. Awareness is the first step in ANY change process. You can't change what you don't acknowledge. From this place, you can then begin to create a new way of being in your life with money.
- 4. Once you are aware, you can begin taking baby steps of action to lessen and eliminate money stress in your life! REMEMBER, BABY STEPS = ONE SMALL ACTION. Over time, your baby steps = BIG res

When You Take Charge of Your Money, You Take Charge of Your Life

Financial Hygiene	Yes	No
I open my mail daily and sort my bills from junk mail		
I pay my bills with gratitude for services I have received by honoring their due date		
I have an organized financial filing system that makes me proud		
I have a special space in my home where I manage my finances		
I am current & up to date with payments on all bills and debts		
I use one method to pay my bills, automated or manual. If I pay electronically, I hold the reigns to when money is taken out of my account		
I know my credit score and it is		
I keep a meticulously clean purse or wallet with cash, coins and plastic each in their own compartment		
I know at any given time the exact "real" balance in my checking account (balance in manual register or on-line register minus written un-cashed checks)		
I plan my spending every month & stick to my plan		
I track & analyze cash flow in order to stay conscious to choices I make		
I keep some money, on my person, just in case I need it		
I am aware of my net and gross monthly pay and any deductions that are taken out of my paycheck		
I am paying off credit card debt + not incurring new debt		
I keep a cushion of money in my checking account		

"Money is only a tool. It will take you wherever you wish, but it will not replace you as the driver."

Ayn Rand

Savings	Yes	No
Money flows in my life in this order: Earn, Save, Spend, Give		
I fully fund my seasonal savings account so I don't go into credit card debt. Examples of seasonal expenses are (car repairs, vacations, insurances, taxes, medical deductibles, holidays, etc)		
I have an emergency savings to cover 6 months of living expenses		
I fully fund my retirement account each year		
I track the annual rate of return on my investments		
I know how much money I need to have saved to fund my later years		
I am good at delaying gratification & have good impulse control		
I know the difference between saving and investing		
I review all savings / investment balances each month		

"There is a deep peace that comes with having a savings cushion to fall back on. Plus, your nervous system will thank you for taking it out of survival mode!"

Denise Hughes

Earnings	Yes	No
I earn to my full potential and know my market value		
I earn enough to live within my means, save for retirement & have fun		
I love the work I do		
When I get a raise I sock that money in the bank rather than increase my lifestyle expenses		
I am comfortable asking for a raise or promotion that supports my level of contribution and performance		
I am as good of a receiver as I am a giver		
It is easy for me to earn		
It is comfortable for me to ask for money that is due back to me		
"Value the divine gifts you have been blessed with. So the world. Charge for them so you can continue to se		
that sustains you."		Hughes
Spending	Yes	No
I shop with a list and purchase just what I need		
I stay away from shopping if I am feeling blue, depressed, angry, hungry, lonely or tired		
I spend guilt free with no after effects of regret or remorse		
I use cash, check or an ATM debit visa card when I make purchases		

	Yes	NO
I practice funding my "needs" over my "wants," & know the difference		
I save up for big purchases rather than place them on a credit card		
I am resourceful, resilient and creative in getting my needs met while living within my income		
When I spend, I ask myself if the expense gives me fulfillment, satisfaction and value in proportion to the money I just spent		
The dollars I spend, nourish my deepest values and priorities		
"Your dollars are the blood flow that nourish your dee Spend wisely."	epest valu Denise Hu	es. ghes
Giving	Yes	No
Giving I believe in giving back to things that make a difference in my life	Yes	No
I believe in giving back to things that make a difference in my	Yes	No
I believe in giving back to things that make a difference in my life I choose ways to give back while honoring my time, energy and	Yes	No
I believe in giving back to things that make a difference in my life I choose ways to give back while honoring my time, energy and money I am happy for another's abundance and don't compare myself	Yes	No
I believe in giving back to things that make a difference in my life I choose ways to give back while honoring my time, energy and money I am happy for another's abundance and don't compare myself to others If I was out of work, I would be comfortable telling family &	Yes	No

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I easily choose what I want to give, to whom, when and how much. I don' feel pressured by other's expectations any time of the year		
If I had to choose over funding my retirement or my child's education, I would fund my retirement		
"We can give of our time, our energy and our money.	They eac	ch
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Money Mind-Set	Yes	No
When it comes to money, I feel control, peace and confidence		
I am good at balancing short and long-term goals, funding both over time		
I can easily set priorities and base my spending accordingly		
I realize money can't buy me happiness. Finding joy is an inside job.		
I am good at seeing unhealthy financial patterns I have and taking action to over-come them		
I feel powerful and competent to create the financial life I desire		
I consider myself a good steward in how I handle my life resources		
I set financial goals for myself yearly and meet them		
I have the power to live the life of my dreams while living within my means		

"What you bring your intention and attention to grows and expands over time. What fruits will you harvest five or ten years from now with your current money practices?"

Denise Hughes

Congratulations for completing this. Take a couple of deep breaths. Move around, swing your arms in the air, take a walk in nature. Drink some water. Congratulate yourself for being honest with yourself. Congratulate yourself for taking the time to complete this. Congratulate yourself for being willing to look this over when you are ready and then decide on what your next step is with money, so you can relieve money stress in your life!