SACRED SUCCESS

A COURSE IN FINANCIAL MIRACLES

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Values Clarification Exercise

Below is a list of values. Circle the ten that are most important to you. If you don't see an important value on this list, add it. Give yourself time to really explore and think about these.

Acceptance	Fun	Leadership	Simplicity
Achievement	Generosity	Learning	Sisterhood
Adventure	God	Leaving a legacy	Spirituality
Aging well	Growth	Leisure	Strength
Beauty	Happiness	Life partner	Success
Charity	Harmony	Love	Support
Comfort	Health	Making a difference	Surrender
Commitment	Honesty	Parenting	Time alone
Communication	Honor	Patriotism	Transformation
Community	Humility	Peace	Truth
Courage	Independence	Physical activity	Using my talents
Creativity	Individuality	Power	Wisdom
Democracy	Influence	Respect	Others
Dignity	Inner peace	Responsibility	
Discovery	Integrity	Retirement	
Diversity	Intimacy	Security	
Education	Joy	Seeing the world	
Family	Justice	Self-discipline	
Freedom	Kindness	Self-esteem	
Friendship	Knowledge	Service	

Next, cross out five that you circled and rank the five that remain in order of importance.

My Most Important Values

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Now that you know what values are most important to you, from this point on, before making any decisions, before saying YES or NO to anything, ask yourself this question:

Will this get me closer, or take me further, from my values, from pursuing my highest purpose, living my deepest truths?

Ten Signs of Disciplined Action

Use these ten signs as a daily checklist. Put a copy where you'll see it, and every evening, go through each item, checking off the ones you followed. My bet—this simple exercise will have you disciplined in no time!

- 1. I know what I want and am committed to getting it. (And if I don't know, I devote time and energy to figuring it out.)
- 2. I am so focused on my vision that I don't get distracted or scattered by irrelevant, draining, or conflicting tasks.
- 3. I am willing to experience whatever it takes—defeat, embarrassment, even humiliation—to achieve what I want.
- 4. I am always doing things I've never done before and/or don't want to do.
- 5. I make at least one unreasonable (i.e., scary) request of others a week.
- 6. I don't say "yes" when I really want to say "no," even if it means rocking the boat or upsetting another person.
- 7. I regularly seek support, and refuse to spend time with or discuss my dream with naysayers (even if they're part of my family).
- 8. Every time I'm afraid to do something, I force myself to do it anyway. (And I catch myself when I try to justify not doing it.)
- 9. I am rigorous about what I think and the words I speak, making sure they're positive, supportive, and appreciative (of myself and others).
- 10. I take time to relax and pamper myself so I don't burn out.

APPENDIX

Financial Documents

Expense Tracker

Print out copies of the chart below. Carry them with you. Every time you make a purchase, write down the item, the amount you paid, and whether you're using cash, credit card, check, or debit card. It's too easy to fritter away money without knowing where it's gone. This exercise can be a real eye-opener.

Item	Amount	Form of Payment
35		
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The Monthly Money Flow Chart Summary

Print out twelve copies of this chart so you have a year's worth. Every month, transfer your expenses from the Expense Tracker to the Monthly Money Flow Chart, putting your expenses into their relevant categories. Once you add up the totals in each category, transfer the totals to the Condensed Monthly Money Flow Chart (p. 10).

	Full Month Amount	Notes
Income	Amount	140163
Self	1	
Partner	. 13	
Other		
Total Income	\$	
Savings/Investments	-30	
Automatic Savings	1:	
Money Market/CD Savings Accounts		
Retirement Accounts		
Stocks/Mutual Funds		
Total Savings/Investments	\$	
Debt Payments		
Home Equity Line	ā.	
Education Loans		
Consumer/Auto Loans	7	
Total Credit Card Payments		
Other		
Total Debt Payments	\$	
Household		
Supplies		
Furniture/Decorating		

Monthly Money Flow Chart Summary (*continued***)**

	Full	
	Month Amount	Notes
Landscape	Amount	Notes
Repairs/Improvements		
Other		
Total Household	\$	
Food	Ψ	
Groceries		
Restaurants		
Other		
Total Food	\$	
Clothing	Ψ	
Wardrobe		1
Accessories	1	
Cleaning		
Other		
Total Clothing	\$	
Self-Care	Ψ	
Supplies		
Health Club		
Services		
Cosmetics		
Other		
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Total Self-Care	Þ	
Health Care		
Insurance		
Health Care Providers		
Supplements/Supplies		
Other		
Total Health Care	\$	

Monthly Money Flow Chart Summary (*continued***)**

	Full Month	
Transportation	Amount	Notes
Car Payments/Rental/Public	I	
Transportation		
Insurance		
Registration		
Gas		
Repairs/Maintenance		
Other		
Total Transportation	\$	
Entertainment		
Gatherings/Parties		
Movies/Video Rental		
Concerts/Theater, Etc.		
Sporting Events		
Subscriptions		
Vacations/Travel		
Other		
Total Entertainment	\$	
Dependent Care		
Childcare		
Education		
Toys/Books/Supplies		
Medical		
Other Child Related		
Elderly Care		
Pet Food & Supplies		
Vet/Grooming		
Other Pet Related		
Total Dependent Care	\$	

Monthly Money Flow Chart Summary (*continued***)**

	Full Month	
	Amount	Notes
Education	98 20	
Tuition		
Books		
Classes/Seminars		
Other	ii	
Total Education	\$	
Taxes & Insurance		
Federal Income Tax		
State Income Tax		
Life Insurance		
Homeowner's Insurance		
Other		
Total Taxes & Insurance	\$	
Gifts		
Birthday		
Holiday/Special Occasion		
Other		
Total Gifts	\$	
Spiritual Growth		
Church/Temple	St.	
Education		
Total Spiritual Growth	\$	

The Condensed Monthly Money Flow Chart Summary

By condensing the expense categories above, you get a bird's-eye view of your total spending. If you have money left over, congratulations! Use it to pay down credit card debt and add to savings. If the result is negative, go back to the Monthly Money Flow Chart and see where you can cut expenses. In addition, use this chart to see if you're spending in a way that reflects your values, goals, and dreams.

	Full Month Amount	Notes
Total Income	\$	
Expenses		
Savings/Investments	\$	
Debt Payments	\$	
Household	\$	
Food	\$	
Clothing	\$	
Self-Care	\$	
Health Care	\$	
Transportation	\$	
Entertainment	\$	
Dependent Care	\$	
Education	\$	
Taxes & Insurance	\$	
Gifts	\$	
Spiritual Growth	\$	
Total Expenses	\$	
Net Money Flow Subtract total expenses from total income	\$	

Net Worth Calculation

Assets

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Cash in Chapting & Sovings Apata	c	
Cash in Checking & Savings Accts.	\$	
Money Market Funds	\$	
Cash Value of Life Insurance	\$	
Loans Receivable		
Other	\$	
Investments (Market Value)		
Certificates of Deposit	\$	
Stocks	\$	
Bonds	\$	
Mutual Funds	\$	
Annuities	\$	
Retirement Funds		
IRAs	\$	
401(k), 403(b), 457 Plans	\$	
Pension/Profit-Sharing Plan	\$	
Other	\$	
Real Estate (Current Market Value)		
Residence	\$	
Income Property	\$	
Land	\$	
Self-Empl. Business Valuation (Net)	\$	
Personal Property		
Automobile(s)	\$	
Recreational Vehicle/Boat	\$	<u> </u>
Household Furnishings	\$	
Collections/Art	\$	
Jewelry	\$	
Other	\$	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	

Net Worth Calculation (continued)

Liabilities

Current Debts	
Credit Cards	\$
Department Store Cards	\$
Medical	\$
Back Taxes	\$
Legal	\$
Other	\$
Loans	
Personal (Bank/Finance Companies)	\$
Home Equity	\$
Education	\$
Automobile	\$
Recreational Vehicle/Boat	\$ (K
Education	\$
Personal (from Friends/Family)	\$
Other	\$
Mortgages	
Home(s)	\$
Investment Properties	\$ F-52-(0
Land	\$
Other	\$
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$
Net Worth Calculation	
Total Assets	\$
Minus Total Liabilities	\$ P-12-40 - 32-42- 83 - 42-403 - 33-420 - 403
EQUALS NET WORTH	\$

Vital Financial Information

Your Name:
Social Security Number:
Key People to Contact (name, phone number, etc.)
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Attorney:
Accountant:
Financial Advisor:
Other:
Location of Vital Documents
Will:
Tax Returns:
Insurance Papers:
Deed to House:
Mortgage:
Other:

Vital Financial Information (*continued***)**

Insurance Policies, Account Numbers, and Contact People:
Banks and/or Institutions, Account Numbers, and Contact People:
Retirement Account, Account Numbers, and Contact People:

Location of Safety Deposit Box and Key:
Credit Cards: