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MODULE 2 • LESSON 10 OF 40

Choosing the Best Budgeting Method

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LESSON PURPOSE

Learn about the most common budgeting methods and discover how to choose the one that best fits your income, lifestyle, and financial goals.

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

There is no single budgeting method that works for everyone. Choosing the right budgeting system makes it easier to manage your money consistently. The best budget is the one you can realistically follow every month.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

☐ I understand the basics of budgeting.

☐ I am open to trying different budgeting methods.

☐ I will complete every activity.

☐ I want to find a budgeting method that works for me.

MONEY TIP OF THE LESSON

"The best budget is the one you can stick to consistently."

MY CONFIDENCE LEVEL BEFORE THIS LESSON

1 2 3 4 5

Not Confident • Neutral • Very Confident

MY GOAL FOR THIS LESSON

Which budgeting method do you think will suit your lifestyle best?

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ACTIVITY 1

Compare Budgeting Methods

Read about the budgeting methods below and tick the one that you think is most suitable for you.

Budgeting Method	Best For	My Choice
50/30/20 Budget	Beginners	☐
Zero-Based Budget	Detailed planners	☐
Envelope Budget	Controlling cash spending	☐
Pay Yourself First	People focused on saving	☐
Custom Budget	Flexible budgeting	☐

ACTIVITY 2

Budgeting Style Self-Assessment

Statement	Yes	Sometimes	No
I like detailed planning.	☐	☐	☐
I prefer simple systems.	☐	☐	☐
I often use cash.	☐	☐	☐
Saving is my highest priority.	☐	☐	☐
I can review my budget every month.	☐	☐	☐

KNOWLEDGE CHECK

1. What is the 50/30/20 budgeting method?

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2. What is Zero-Based Budgeting?

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3. Who benefits most from the Envelope Budget?

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4. What does "Pay Yourself First" mean?

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5. Why should you choose a budgeting method that matches your lifestyle?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Choose one budgeting method and use it for the next **7 days**.

At the end of the week, write down what worked well and what you would improve.

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PRACTICAL WORKSHEET – MY BUDGETING METHOD COMPARISON

A. MY TOP THREE OPTIONS

Budgeting Method	Advantages	Challenges

B. MY CHOSEN METHOD

Question	My Answer
Which method did I choose?	
Why did I choose it?	
When will I start?	
How will I measure success?	

C. MY MONTHLY BUDGET ROUTINE

Task	When I Will Do It
Review Income	
Plan Expenses	
Save Money	
Review Progress	

D. REFLECTION

What is one habit that will help you follow your chosen budgeting method successfully?

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KEY TAKEAWAYS – WHAT I LEARNED TODAY

1. The budgeting method I chose is:

2. The biggest advantage of this method is:

3. The biggest challenge I expect is:

4. One action I will take this week is:

MY 7-DAY BUDGETING ACTION PLAN

Day 1: Choose my budgeting method.

Day 2: Organize my income and expenses.

Day 3: Build my first budget.

Day 4: Track my spending.

Day 5: Adjust my budget if needed.

Day 6: Review my progress.

Day 7: Decide whether this budgeting method fits me.

LESSON COMPLETION CHECKLIST

☐ I completed all activities.

☐ I compared different budgeting methods.

☐ I selected the budgeting method that suits me best.

☐ I created a plan to use my chosen method.

☐ I am ready for Lesson 11.

MY CONFIDENCE LEVEL AFTER THIS LESSON

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NEXT LESSON PREVIEW

Lesson 11 – Building Your First Monthly Budget

In the next lesson, you'll create a complete monthly budget using your chosen budgeting method and learn how to balance income, expenses, savings, and financial goals.

MY COMMITMENT

I commit to using a budgeting method that fits my lifestyle, reviewing it regularly, and improving it as my financial situation changes.

Signature: ___________________________

Date: _______________________________