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MODULE 2 • LESSON 14 OF 40

How to Reduce Unnecessary Spending

Focus Keyword: reduce spending

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LESSON PURPOSE

Learn how to identify unnecessary spending, control impulse purchases, and develop smart spending habits that help you save more money and achieve your financial goals.

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

Small unnecessary purchases may not seem important, but over weeks, months, and years they can add up to thousands of dollars. Learning to reduce unnecessary spending helps you build savings, avoid debt, and direct your money toward things that truly matter. Smart spending is not about depriving yourself—it's about making intentional financial decisions.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

☐ I am ready to review my spending habits.

☐ I will be honest about my unnecessary purchases.

☐ I want to make smarter financial decisions.

☐ I will complete every activity carefully.

MONEY TIP OF THE LESSON

"Every unnecessary expense you avoid becomes money available for your future goals."

MY CONFIDENCE LEVEL BEFORE THIS LESSON

1 2 3 4 5

Not Confident • Neutral • Very Confident

MY GOAL FOR THIS LESSON

Which spending habit would you most like to improve?

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ACTIVITY 1

Identify Spending Leaks

List recent purchases that you could have delayed, reduced, or avoided.

Purchase	Need or Want?	Could I Reduce or Avoid It?
	☐	
	☐	
	☐	
	☐	
	☐	

ACTIVITY 2

Smart Spending Self-Assessment

Statement	Good	Needs Improvement	Not Yet
I think before I buy something.	☐	☐	☐
I compare prices before purchasing.	☐	☐	☐
I avoid impulse buying.	☐	☐	☐
I follow my budget.	☐	☐	☐
I save money by reducing unnecessary spending.	☐	☐	☐

KNOWLEDGE CHECK

1. What is unnecessary spending?

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2. What is an impulse purchase?

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3. Why is comparing prices a smart habit?

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4. How can reducing spending help you reach your financial goals?

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5. Name one way to reduce unnecessary spending.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

For the next **7 days**, wait **24 hours** before making any non-essential purchase.

Write down one purchase you decided not to make and explain why.

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PRACTICAL WORKSHEET – MY SMART SPENDING PLAN

A. MY BIGGEST SPENDING CATEGORIES

Category	Monthly Spending	Can I Reduce It?
Food & Drinks		☐
Shopping		☐
Entertainment		☐
Transport		☐
Other		☐

B. MY MONEY-SAVING OPPORTUNITIES

Expense to Reduce	How I Will Reduce It	Estimated Monthly Savings

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C. MY NEW SPENDING RULES

1. ______________________________
2. ______________________________
3. ______________________________
4. ______________________________
5. ______________________________

D. REFLECTION

What unnecessary spending habit has the biggest impact on your finances, and what specific action will you take to change it?

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KEY TAKEAWAYS – WHAT I LEARNED TODAY

1. One expense I will reduce immediately is:

2. One smart spending habit I will practice is:

3. The money I save will be used for:

4. My biggest lesson from today's workbook is:

MY 7-DAY SMART SPENDING ACTION PLAN

Day 1: Track every purchase.

Day 2: Avoid one impulse purchase.

Day 3: Compare prices before buying.

Day 4: Save the money from one avoided purchase.

Day 5: Review my spending habits.

Day 6: Update my budget.

Day 7: Celebrate one financial improvement.

LESSON COMPLETION CHECKLIST

☐ I completed all activities.

☐ I completed my Smart Spending Plan.

☐ I identified unnecessary expenses.

☐ I created new spending rules.

☐ I am ready for Lesson 15.

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NEXT LESSON PREVIEW

Lesson 15 – Planning for Large and Annual Expenses

Learn how to prepare for predictable big expenses such as school fees, insurance, holidays, home maintenance, and annual bills without disrupting your monthly budget.

MY COMMITMENT

I commit to thinking carefully before every purchase, reducing unnecessary spending, and using my money intentionally to build a stronger financial future.

Signature: ___________________________

Date: _______________________________