Financial Readiness Plan

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First Steps

- 1. Pull credit report at www.creditkarma.com or www.annualcreditreport.com
- 2. Identifying debts and obligations (child Support, IRS/taxes, credit cards, medical bills, etc.)
- 3. Establish Budget

Debt Summary (see Debt Elimination Process)

Description / Debt (order of smallest to largest balance)	Balance	Minimum Payment	Payoff Date	Interest Rate	New Payment
	\$	\$			\$
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Immediate Financial Concerns		

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After Graduation

3 Month Action Plan

Summary of Basic Goals

- Establish \$1,000 emergency fund
- Start paying debt from smallest to largest and based on priorities previously discussed
- Monitor budget daily and reevaluate monthly
- > Visit Community Works or other approved institutions for credit counseling

Find a mentor – through Miracle Hill or your church – and meet regularly. Ask them to hold you accountable to your financial goals.

Visit: www.overcomersresource.com for more information or to contact an Overcomers Financial Counselor.

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Debt Elimination Process

- 1. Stop the spending deficit (don't spend more than you make).
- 2. Save \$1,000 for a Short Term Emergency Fund.
- 3. If possible cut expenses to increase debt payments.
- 4. List all debts from smallest balance to largest balance. 99% of the time ignore the interest rate.
- 5. Increase the payment on smallest balance as much as possible
- 6. Pay the minimum payment on all other debts until smallest balance is paid
- 7. Once paid off add that payment amount to the next debt balance and continue until paid off and continue to the next
- 8. "Emergency Fund" Once all but the mortgage is paid off save 6 months of expenses. This will allow you to have enough funds to take care of yourself and your family if you lose your job, have a medical emergency, etc.

CommunityWorks Carolina (Self Help Credit	Debt Consolidation
Union)	Christian Credit Counselors
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