

Week 4 – Credit

Ecclesiastes 5:5 - Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay.

Proverbs 22:1 - A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

Week 3 Debt Review taken to heart -

What are some difficult Budget cuts?

What is a credit score?

Credit score – measure of how much you _____ debt, not necessarily your financial position

What is Manual Underwriting?

Credit Report Fact / Fiction

- The more money you make the better your score FACT or FICTION
- When you pay off a debt that is past due, it comes off your report FACT or FICTION
- All credit reports are different FACT or FICTION
- Closing Credit Cards will help you credit score FACT or FICTION
- Pulling your own credit report makes your score worse FACT or FICTION
- Disputed Items are removed immediately FACT or FICTION
- Missing or late payments can effect my credit score even if not listed on the report FACT or FICTION
- Information stays on your credit report for _____ years, _____years if you file bankruptcy
- Only _____ information can be removed
- Survey say 80% contain mistakes
 - To remove Mistakes
 - Write a certified letter for each incident
 - They have 30 days to investigate or they have to temporarily remove the entry
 - They contact all parties and make a decision
- Get a _____ credit report each year from
- www.annualcreditreport.com or individually at: Experian – www.experian.com
Equifax – www.equifax.com Trans Union – www.transunion.com

Id Fraud

1. Place an alert at the Credit Bureau
2. Get a _____ Report
3. Remember you owe nothing and pay _____
4. Contact Fraud of each indent and give documentation
5. Be _____

Telemarketing

1. www.optoutprescreen.com
2. www.donotcall.gov
3. www.dmachoice.org

Pay Debt with a Plan

- Collectors job is to get _____, not help you
 - i. Salesman, telemarkets
 - ii. High Turnover
 - iii. Evoke Emotions
- Always pay _____ first
- _____ set the order

Psalm 37:²¹ The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

- They can only call between 8 am – 9pm
- Request they not call at work (certified mail)
- You can request they stop all communication (not recommend)
- Can't garnish your wages without _____ action, long process (except IRS and Student Loan)

Proverbs 3:27-28 - 27Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. 28Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

- Come up with a Pro Data Plan
- Send a copy of it with your payment
- Remember the 4 _____ – Food, Shelter, Clothing, Transportation

List some money wasters: