

# Monetary MANIFESTO

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I will decide and hold tight to that which is important in my life.

I will work toward the understanding that money is a tool and, like the ecological seasons, is an integral part of experiencing life in its fullest expression. By recognizing its power and using it wisely, I will set in motion perennial growth for generations to come. Money is to be used constructively to build sustainable dynamics for my family and in my community. I will learn what money means to me and how to use it properly in the context of expressing my values. My self-worth is not my net worth, and defining success beyond my bank account will unfold the beauty of each life season. I will free myself from the binds of the cultural and media insistence that “more is better” and that fulfillment comes solely from materialistic gain.

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I will consider how money comes into my life and the implications on creating true wealth.

It is no longer enough to just make a living, but I will work toward making a life. I will cultivate my passions, skills, and talents to the best of my ability and seek to earn an honest living that can provide for my needs and reasonable desires. As my life seasons change, I will maintain integrity in knowing what I have and how it is being used to facilitate a life well lived. I will live in gratitude and joy for the work opportunities I have, for the prospects to improve my condition and the abilities to gain knowledge and wisdom in all areas of my life.

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I will embrace giving as a foundational component of financial health.

I will wrestle with my demons of “not having enough” and move toward giving of my time, talent, and treasure creatively, graciously, and extravagantly. I will explore the causes that are important to me and create a plan that allows me to give systematically and intentionally. I will build some margin into my resources to give when an unexpected need arises in my family or community. By being intentional with my giving, I have permission to say no to other concerns without feeling guilty.

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I will spend less than I earn.

I will create a spending plan that reflects intention with my choices. I will not get to the end of the month and ask, “Where did it go?” I will set up times to talk with my spouse, partner, or friends so we can encourage and hold each other accountable. I will not take guilt trips but embark on a journey of constant course correction. I will fully enjoy financial choices within the safe spending boundaries I create. I will discern between a soul need and an ego desire as I determine how to use the disposable income I have.

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I will reconnect with my financial vehicles.

I will connect with what I have, where it is, or track it down if necessary. I will ascertain why I have the financial tools I own, what their purpose is, and what the costs associated with them are. I will understand how they work and make adjustments to them as new financial and personal seasons unfold.

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I will actively minimize my debt.

I cannot borrow my way to prosperity. I will establish a plan to pay off any consumer debt that is holding me hostage. I will not acquiesce to the belief that debt is normal and just the way it is. I am a victor, not a victim of my financial choices.

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I will care for and fully enjoy my possessions.

I will learn to appreciate and be content with what is in front of me. I will hold things lightly, letting go of that which is no longer serving me or bringing me joy.

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I will communicate with those in my life who are or may be affected by my financial decisions.

I will communicate openly and honestly about what I am trying to accomplish and why. I will provide the education to help them understand the tools I am using and prepare them for future responsibilities. I will build a tribe that understands and believes that in employing money differently, intelligently, we can and will impact ourselves, our families, and the world.

## *Are you ready to revolutionize your financial life?*

We have explored ways to recognize your financial power, created with a mind-set of appreciation and abundance. We have shared ways to revitalize your financial power through understanding what you have, where it is, and how to use it wisely. We have opened ways to release your financial power through intentional giving, thoughtful investing, and prudent spending. It is up to you now. Step up and step into the growing assembly of like-minded people who want to view and use their money differently. You will heal wounds, build bridges, and create economies that endure and thrive. You will create and enjoy enduring personal and financial wealth for yourself, for your family, and for the benefit of others in your community and around the world.

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