

Biblical Budget Template

A Scripture-rooted monthly money plan — the giving-first envelope.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase." — Proverbs 3:9

How to use this template

- 1) Fill in your monthly net income at the top.
- 2) Allocate **giving first** — tithe and offerings — before any other line.
- 3) Then save (emergency fund, retirement), then needs, then wants.
- 4) Track each week and reconcile at month-end. Aim for income minus all categories = \$0.

Income

Source	Monthly amount
Primary income (net)	\$ _____
Secondary income	\$ _____
Other / gifts	\$ _____
TOTAL INCOME	\$ _____

Giving (firstfruits) • suggested 10–15%

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." — Malachi 3:10

Category	Planned	Actual	Difference
Tithe to local church	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Offerings / mission	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Generosity to the poor	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Saving • suggested 10–20%

"There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise." — Proverbs 21:20

Category	Planned	Actual	Difference
Emergency fund	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Retirement / investing	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Sinking funds (car, gifts, holidays)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Needs • suggested 50–55%

"Give us this day our daily bread." — Matthew 6:11

Category	Planned	Actual	Difference
Housing (rent/mortgage)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Utilities (electric/water/gas)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Groceries	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Insurance (health/auto/home)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Childcare / school	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Phone / internet	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Minimum debt payments	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Wants • suggested 10–25%

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." — 1 Corinthians 10:31

Category	Planned	Actual	Difference
Dining out	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Entertainment / streaming	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Hobbies	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Personal care	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Travel	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Debt freedom (above minimums) • suggested 0–10%

"The borrower is servant to the lender." — Proverbs 22:7

Category	Planned	Actual	Difference
Smallest debt first (snowball)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Or highest-interest first (avalanche)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Month-end reconciliation

Total income: \$ _____ Total spent: \$ _____ Difference (should be \$0): \$ _____

Reflection: What did the Lord teach me about money this month? Where did I see His provision?

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