



Personal Budgeting: Discovering What is Important

Most important
Very important
Pretty important
Not too important
Not at all important

Begin by reading all the statements on the right. Then circle the number next to each that says how important that is to you. BUT, here is the catch... you can only have 3 choices for each number. You can't make everything a number one! Only three number ones, three number twos, and so on.

1	2	3	4	5	1. Having a car.
1	2	3	4	5	2. Going to college.
1	2	3	4	5	3. Being independent.
1	2	3	4	5	4. Having good friends.
1	2	3	4	5	5. Going out to eat when I want.
1	2	3	4	5	6. Having my own place to live.
1	2	3	4	5	7. Being able to afford places to visit.
1	2	3	4	5	8. Be able to afford places for recreation.
1	2	3	4	5	9. Buying things I need, like clothing and food.
1	2	3	4	5	10. Having nice things that make me look successful.
1	2	3	4	5	11. Buying things I want, like music, videos, or games.

Now think about your answers: How much money do you think you will need each month?

How much do you need to save?

How much will you need to earn?

What are the most important goals to save for?