Serious About Getting Out Of Debt?

Dear Dave,

Should you budget for mad money,or just carrying around cash, when you're trying to get out of debt?

— Aurora

Dear Aurora,

What really matters is the amount of mad money you allow yourself to have. Everyone needs a little pocket money. It's probably not going to throw you off too much if you put \$10 or \$20 in there. But \$100 or \$200? That's a bit much when you're scrimping, saving and supposedly working hard to get out of debt. Think of it as a safety



valve, Aurora. Everyone needs a break and a little fun now and then. Whether it's grabbing lunch out, or going to a movie once in a while, you need to relax and let off little steam. Just make it part of your regular monthly budget, and stick to the amount. Little things like this will help keep your total

money makeover moving in the right direction without wearing you out!

— Dave

IT'S A BETTER IDEA TO PRE-PLAN Dear Dave,

My wife passed away last year, and she was just 43-years old. I paid cash for the funeral and all the arrangements.

Now, I'm getting solicitations from the funeral home, wanting me to prepay my own funeral. I'm 45-yearsold. Is this a good idea?

— Dave

Dear Dave,

God bless you and your family. I'm so sorry you have to go through this, but I'm glad to hear you were in good enough shape financially to handle the burden. That means you were both very wise with your money.

My advice is to pre-plan, but don't prepay. As you discovered, having to make important decisions

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of grief is a hard thing to do. Sometimes, people are so emotional during times like these that they make bad decisions. So, pre-planning and making selections ahead of time is a great idea.

But it's never a good idea to prepay for this kind of thing, and here's why. If you live to an average age, for what you'd prepay today at age 45, you could invest the amount, be self-insured for that kind of thing, and in all likelihood have a ton of money sitting there when your time comes. Events like this make you realize the need for

proper planning, but don't

ever prepay them. Lots of people in the funeral industry don't like me for this stance, but that's just because they make lots of money on prepayment plans.

— Dave

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Regular Meeting Mission Hill Township (N)

As per South Dakota Codified Law 8-5-1 The Board of Supervisors of Mission Hill Township (N) has set the dates of this year's three Regular Meetings on March 24th, 2015, October 27th, 2015 and February 23rd, 2016 at Vangen Lutheran Church, Mission Hill, South Dakota at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to add items to the agenda of any of these meetings may do so in writing to the Township Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the above-mentioned Meeting Dates.

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