

Maximize Your Accelerator Margin™

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- J Hi, I'm John Cummuta
- A And I'm Anthony Manganiello

#### A - In Session 1

- We looked ahead to how much income you can count on when you'll want to stop working.
- We looked ahead at your expected expenses at that same future date.
- We determine whether you'll have enough income to meet your expenses.

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#### A - In Session 1

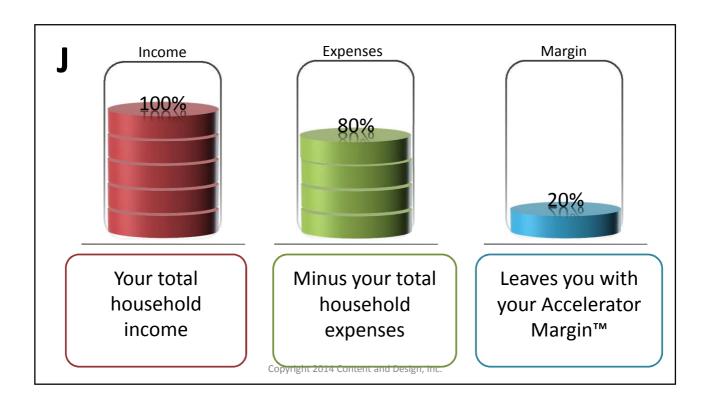
- If your retirement income will not be sufficient to cover your retirement expenses, we told you about the 2 levers you can move to close your income-to-expense gap.
  - Reduce your expenses
  - Increase your income

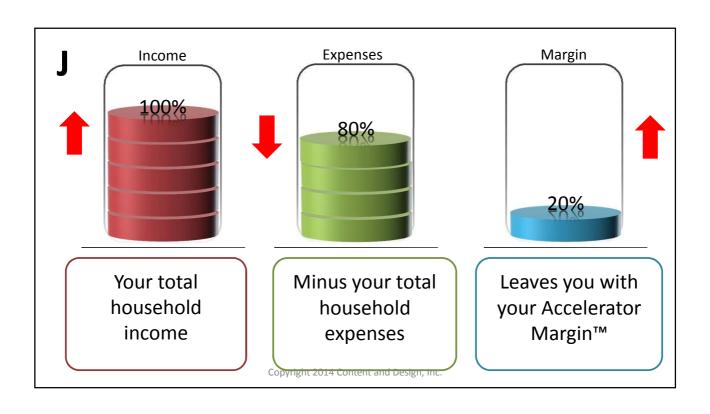
#### A - In this session

- We're going to begin reducing your expenses to maximize your Accelerator Margin™.
- We'll:
  - Explain what your Accelerator Margin™ is.
  - Show how to manage your spending.
  - Explain who is opposing your spending management.
  - Find your Accelerator Margin™

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J - What's your Accelerator Margin™?



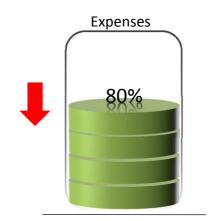


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#### In this session

 We're going to focus on minimizing your expenses.

 To maximize your Private Bank



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# Minimizing your expenses means managing your spending

#### A - Manage Spending

- Spending with your brain versus your emotions
- Defending your mind from the Coalition of Four

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## A - Discretionary spending is EMOTIONAL

- We most often buy non-necessities because we want them.
- We often mislabel *desires* as necessities.
- We go through an emotional process called AIDA as we move towards buying.

#### J - AIDA

- Awareness
- Interest
- Desire
- Action

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- Note that the 3 steps before "Action" are emotional.
  - You're Aware (your senses are paying attention)
  - You're Interested (emotional attraction)
  - You Desire (emotional passion)
  - You Act (money leaves your life)

# Time to download your worksheet

Session 2	SMART Wealth System
	AIDA
<ul><li>Awareness</li><li>Interest</li><li>Desire</li></ul>	Watch TV commercials, listen to radio ads, click on website ads, and see how they take you through the AIDA process.  Now that you're "Aware" of this
• Action	strategy, can you see how adver- tisers have taken you through this process in the past?
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#### A - Check your storage areas

- Most of last year's emotional purchases are now in your garage, basement, attic, closets, or storage lockers.
- You periodically clean them out to make room for this year's "must-have" emotional purchases.

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- This is money you're wasting.
- This is money you're stealing from the future You we talked about in Session 1.
- The future You won't have the energy to recover from this theft.

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## A - So, who's manipulating your spending?

 Who knows how to push your emotional buttons to get you all the way through the AIDA process?

#### J - The Coalition of Four

- Advertising industry
- Media
- Merchants
- The Banks

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#### J - The Coalition is Manipulating You

- Driven by advertising, popular culture, and peer competition, you desire to buy...
  - A big house
  - A new car
  - Fancy, expensive vacations
  - Every new convenience, toy, fashion
- You end up wasting money trying to look or feel rich

#### J - They Use Your Weaknesses

#### People

- Those you care about most...or those you wish to impress, keep up with, or compete with can cause you to spend excessively.
- "Car  $\rightarrow$  Girl"

#### Places

- Frequent vacations, entertainment, or recreational shopping.
- Your favorite after-work stop-off.

#### Things

- Unplanned purchases impulse buying can quickly get our spending out of hand.
- Your best weapon against this temptation is delay.

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## A - They've Trained You to be a Good Consumer

- "Consume" means to destroy.
  - When a house is consumed by a fire, it is destroyed.
- When you consume your wealth, you are a wealth destroyer.
- Consumer = Wealth Destroyer

## A - They've Trained You to Think Monthly

- The Monthly Payment Trap!
  - We are taught to think in terms of monthly payments, not total long-term cost.
- We only consider two numbers:
  - Our monthly income
  - Our total monthly bills

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- If a new "monthly payment" fits into our monthly income...we buy!
  - That's the wrong way to look at it.
- The total of a debt's lifetime payments is how much our lifetime wealth is reduced!

#### J - Here's how the Coalition operates

- The Advertising industry knows how to make us want to buy things.
  - \$19.97 junk on TV commercials
  - \$199 non-necessities in infomercials
  - \$499 entertainment systems
  - \$1,999 3D TVs and vacations
  - \$29,999 cars

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- The Media works with Advertisers to covertly and overtly seduce you into wanting things their Merchant partners are selling.
- It's called "Product Placement" and celebrity overt and implied endorsements.

- Merchants, who you might suspect run the show, are primarily in the Coalition of Four to supply more "stuff" for their Advertising industry partners to seduce you into wanting.
- That's why much of the stuff they're selling you today is the same stuff they sold you a few years ago or a few decades ago.

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- Finally, after the Advertisers, Media, and Merchants have wooed you into spending all the money you make each month...
- Their Bank partners step up to offer you credit, "easy monthly payments."
- OPM

#### A - The banks are controlling the game

• We'll elaborate on the Coalition of Four's tactics in Session 4.

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#### A - You live in their "pod"

- Just like in the Matrix movie, you exist only to expend your energy providing fuel (money) for the Coalition of Four.
- They don't care about your wellbeing.
- They only care about your money.

#### A - But in the "real world"

- You CANNOT consume your wealth and retire on it.
- You CANNOT service debt and build sufficient wealth at the same time.
- Financing your current lifestyle with frivolous spending and debt will likely cost you your future.

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#### J - Here's some good news

- Median U.S. family household income: \$64,053
- Average working life: 40 years
- Lifetime household income: \$2,562,120
- The question:
  - Are you going to keep it?
  - Are you going to give it to the Coalition of Four?

#### J - Spend With Your Brain

- Strive to let reason outvote emotion when spending.
- Look in your garage, attic, closets, basement, storage locker for the emotionally-purchased "have-to-have" things from previous years that you're just storing now.
  - A garage sale, EBay, Craig's list, turn it into \$.

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## J - Ask the "Old You" if they think they'll need it.



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- The ability to spend with your brain turned on will, more than any other single thing under your control, determine your financial outcome.
- OK...it's time to get specific. REAL specific

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#### A - Where does your money go?

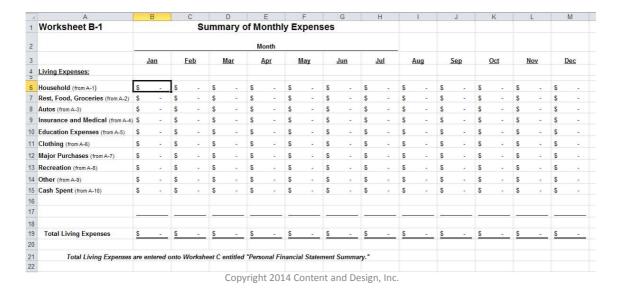
- Download *Income and Expense Statement* from this Session 2 Lesson area
- This is a much more detailed and accurate tool than the Household Monthly Budget spreadsheet we used in Session 1 to estimate our future expenses.

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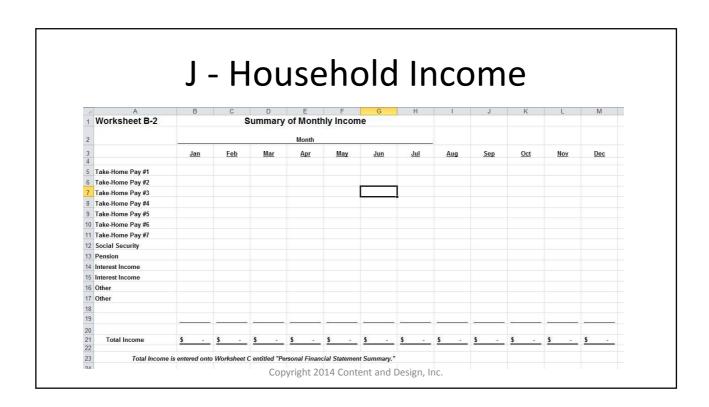
- This exercise will precisely identify your
   Accelerator Margin™, the money you will use
   to build your Private Bank in the next Session.
- This exercise is a must.

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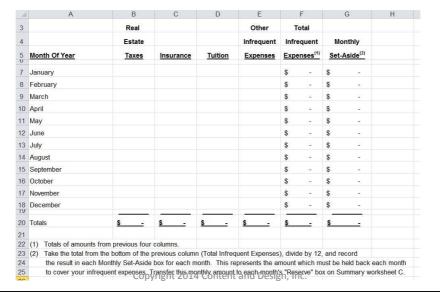
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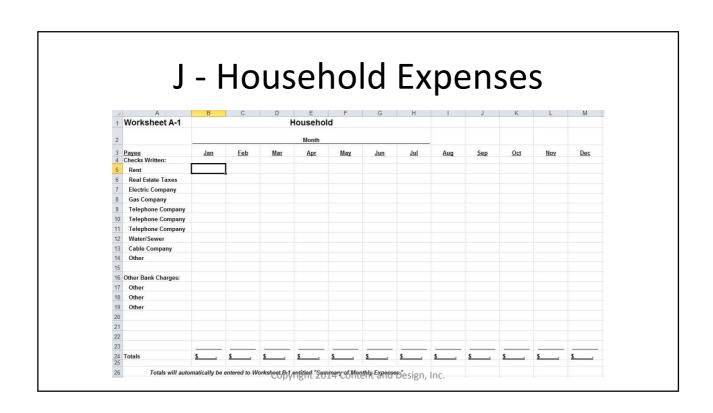


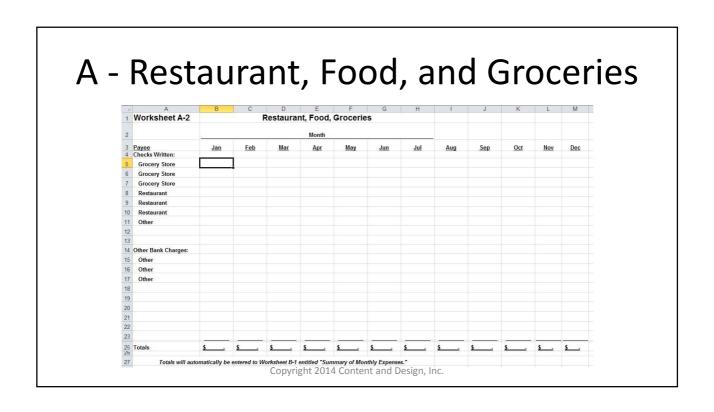
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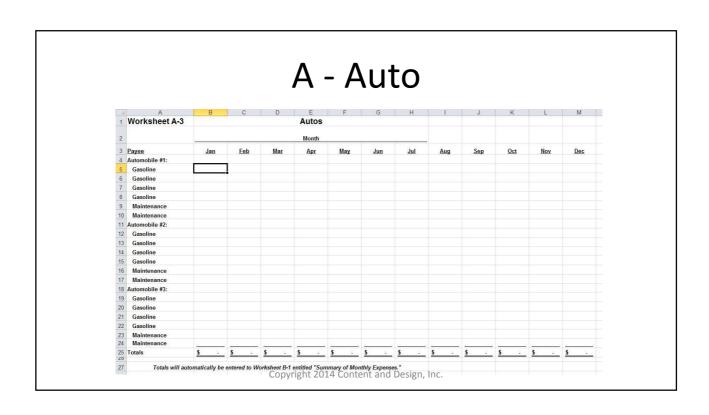


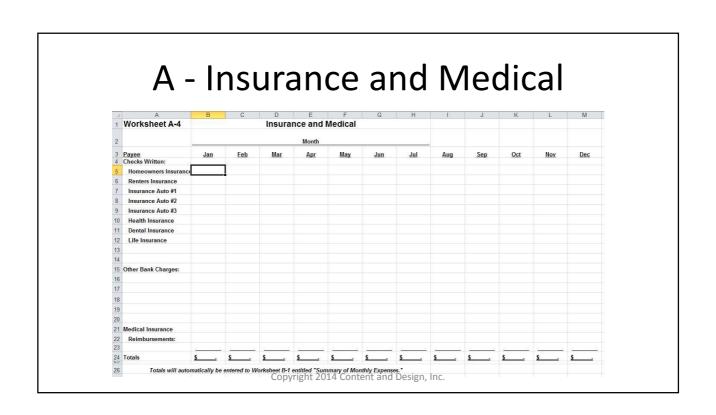
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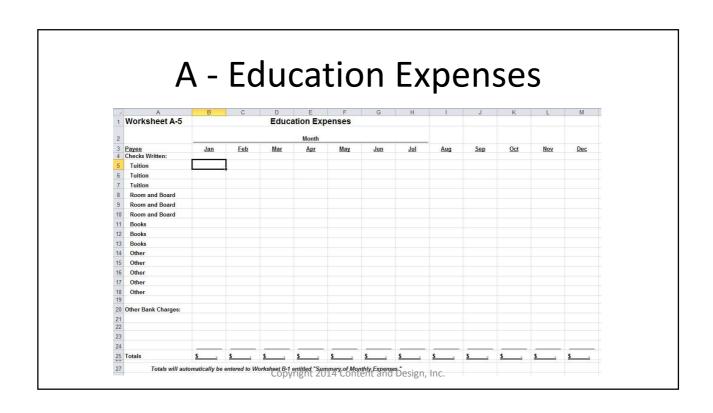


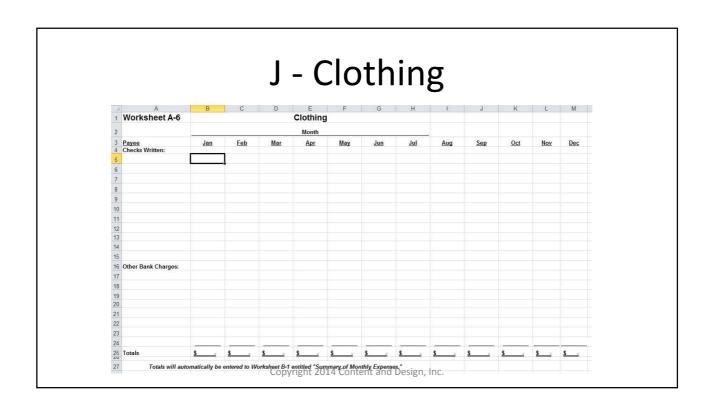


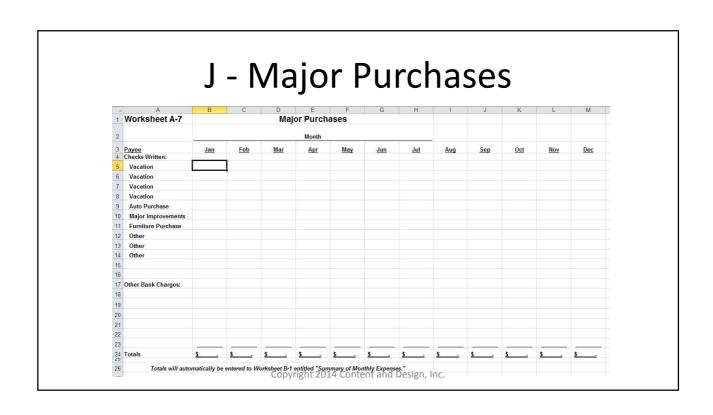


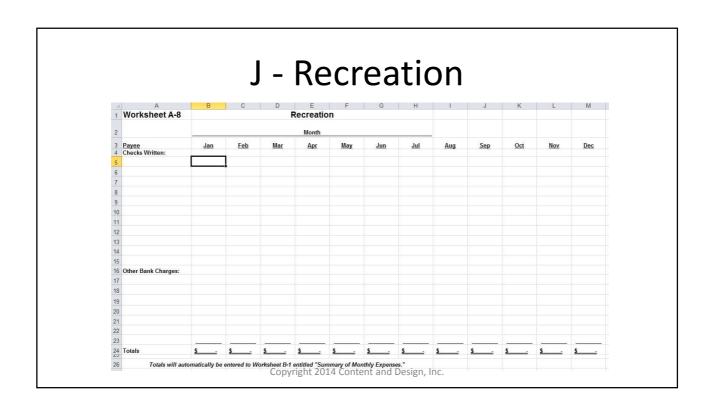


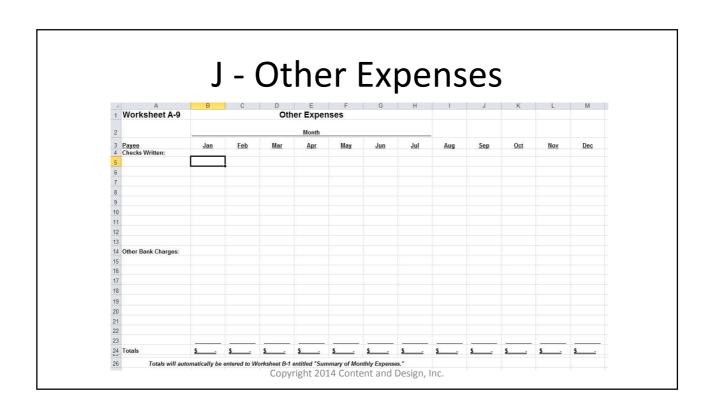


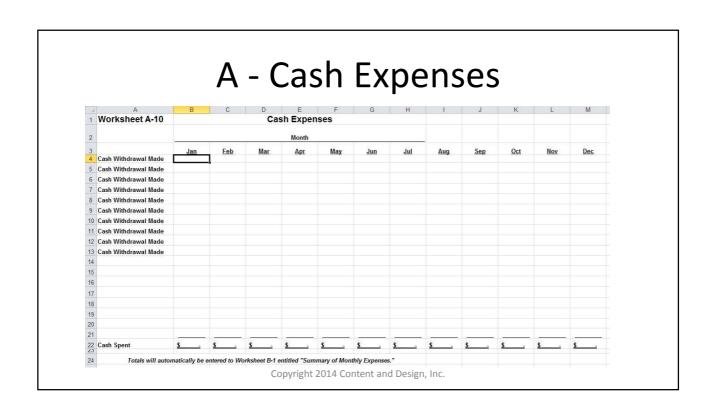


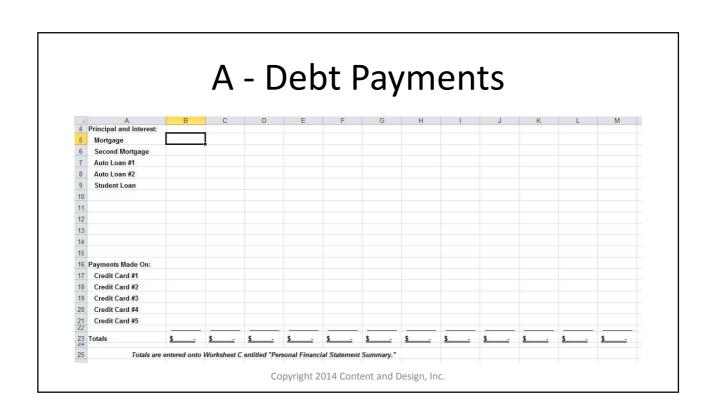


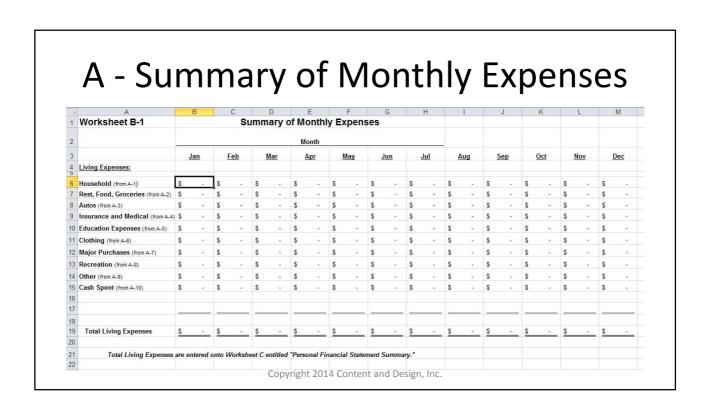














#### J - Summary

- In this session:
  - What your Accelerator Margin™ is
  - How to manage your spending
  - Who is opposing your spending management
  - Finding your Accelerator Margin™

## A - This Process is Your Prosperity Gateway

- The dollars you free up to build your
   Accelerator Margin™ will be used in the next
   session to Activate Your Private Bank.
- Your Private Bank will be the foundation of all your debt elimination and wealth building efforts for the rest of your life.

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# A - So maximizing your Accelerator Margin™ is Critical

#### A - Specificity Matters

- Filling our your Income and Expense Statement sheets may seem tedious.
- But there is gold in that vein that can yield wealth in your future years when it's used to capitalize your Private Bank.
- We'll explain that, in detail, in the next session.

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#### J - Your homework this week

- Fill out your *Income and Expense* forms.
- Deal with your reality.
- If you don't, it **WON'T** just work out.

#### J - Enjoy the Session 2 bonuses

- Audio: Finding Your Accelerator Margin™
- Audio: Manage Your Spending

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### J - We'll see you in Session 3

Activate your Private Bank.