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Guide to Make, Save & Manage Your Money

Module 12

Real Life Solutions and Simple Fixes
for Seriously Bad (But Common!)
Money Problems; Problems that Can
Affect Your Home, Retirement, Your
Whole Family

WAYS TO MAKE & SAVE MONEY
TRAINING COLLECTION

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WHY A HIGH CREDIT SCORE IS IMPORTANT



Your credit score can have a major impact on your life. Of course, this impact could be positive or negative, depending on your credit score. The higher your score, the more benefits it brings you.

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MORTGAGE

One of the most notable impacts that your credit score will have is determining what kind of mortgage you can qualify for and even if you can get one at all.

If you have a poor credit score, you may get less than desirable terms or be denied for a mortgage altogether. Or they may tell you that they can get you financing if you come up with 50% of the cost of the house in cash.

A higher credit score will enable you to qualify for lower interest rates and a lower down payment. A lower interest rate not only saves you money on your monthly payment, but over the course of the loan, it can mean a difference of many thousands of dollars to you.

You may be thinking that you'll just rent. While it's true that renting an apartment doesn't require a loan, they may run a credit check to make sure you're able to pay the rent. A poor credit score may even keep you from getting an apartment, leaving you with little in the way of housing options.



LOANS

Mortgages are essentially huge loans, so if your credit score impacts your mortgage, it stands to reason that it would also affect other loans such as student loans, car loans, or smaller bank loans. ***Not having access to these sources of money because of a poor credit score can make your life much more difficult than it needs to be.***

The higher your credit score, the better chance you have of securing a reasonable loan when you need one.

In addition, ***many of the great deals you see advertised only apply to those with good credit.*** For example, you may see an ad for a great deal on a car with no down payment. When you get to the car dealership to take advantage of their offer, you find out that it's only available to those with a high credit score.

Whenever you see “w.a.c.” in small letters at the bottom of an ad, it means “with approved credit.”

The lower your credit score, the more you'll have to pay for many items that you need or desire.



CREDIT CARDS

While you'll continue to get "pre-approved" letters from credit card companies, the chances that they'll grant you credit drastically reduces if you have poor credit.

Your credit score will also determine your interest rate and credit limit. So essentially, if you want to go out and buy high end stuff with your credit card, you'll need good credit in order to get a suitable limit. They don't just hand out limitless cards willy nilly!

JOBS

If you have poor credit, it may be more difficult to get a job if the employer does a credit check.

The reasoning behind this is that people with good credit are less stressed and more in control of their life. They may also be more able to focus on their job. A person with poor credit might also be more likely to steal from the company to pay their bills, so why take the risk?

As ridiculous as this may sound, it's the reality of today's job market. It does, however, provide motivation to keep your credit in good standing. With a down economy and companies laying off employees left and right, you never know when you may be looking for a job. Plus, moving up to a better job is easier with a high credit score.



CELL PHONES

Even cell phone companies look into your credit history when you make a purchase. Like every other organization, they want to know that you can pay your bills on time.

If you're a fan of texting, tweeting, web surfing, or even old fashioned phone conversations, it's in your best interest to keep your credit score on the high end.

Your credit score seeps into so many areas of your life that it only makes sense to keep it as high as possible. A higher credit score saves you all kinds of money, brings you opportunities not available to those with low credit scores, and makes your life a lot easier.



Self-Reflection Questions

**Question 1:**

Is splurging on cool stuff worth the stress a low credit score will cause later?

**Question 2:**

How has my credit score affected my recent purchases?

**Question 3:**

Would raising my credit score make my life easier?

Action Tips

**Action Tip 1:**

Pay bills on time and in full whenever possible.

**Action Tip 2:**

If you're tempted to skip a payment or pay it late, remember that your credit score has wide reaching ramifications.

**Action Tip 3:**

Make the commitment to take action to raise your credit score. The next section will explain what you can do.