



Money Boundaries Worksheet

"Boundaries aren't restrictions. They're how you protect what matters most."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Setting money boundaries is one of the most loving things you can do for yourself. This worksheet helps you get honest about where your money is going — and why — so you can make intentional choices that reflect your values. No judgment here. Just clarity, compassion, and a path forward that's entirely yours.

SECTION 1 — Your Money Values

Before setting boundaries, get clear on what actually matters to you.

What do I want my money to do for me in the next 12 months?

What are my top 3 financial priorities right now?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

What does financial peace of mind look and feel like for me?

SECTION 2 — Identify Your Spending Triggers

Emotional spending isn't a flaw — it's information. Let's get curious about it.

I tend to spend more when I feel:

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| ☐ Stressed or overwhelmed | ☐ Guilty (especially toward family or friends) |
| ☐ Sad or lonely | ☐ Pressured by others |
| ☐ Bored | ☐ Rewarding myself after a hard week |
| ☐ Excited or celebratory | ☐ Other: _____ |

When I overspend, what's usually going on emotionally?

What do I tell myself in the moment to justify the spending?

SECTION 3 — Your Boundary Blind Spots

These are the areas where most women find it hardest to hold their financial boundaries.

I struggle to say no when:

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| ☐ Family asks me for financial help | ☐ I want to avoid conflict about money |
| ☐ Friends suggest activities I can't afford | ☐ I feel guilty for having more (or less) than others |
| ☐ I'm shopping online late at night | ☐ I'm trying to keep up with what others have |
| ☐ A sale or discount makes me feel like I'll miss out | ☐ Other: _____ |

Which of these feels most true for me — and why?

SECTION 4 — Set Your Money Boundaries

Now let's turn your values and triggers into clear, compassionate boundaries.

Complete each statement in your own words. You get to decide what fits your life.

1

I will protect \$_____ each month for _____ (savings goal / debt payoff / emergency fund) — no matter what.

2

When I feel _____, instead of spending, I will _____.

3

When someone asks me for money I can't spare, I will say: "_____."

4

I will limit my spending on _____ to \$_____ per month.

5

One financial habit I'm committing to protect this month: _____.

SECTION 5 — Your Accountability Plan

A boundary without a plan is just a wish. Let's make it real.

Who can I share these boundaries with for support?

How will I celebrate when I honor my boundaries this month?

If I slip up, what will I say to myself?

I will check in with myself on: _____ (date)

Reminder: Slipping up doesn't mean you failed. It means you're human. Speak to yourself the way you'd speak to a dear friend. Progress, not perfection.

Setting these boundaries is an act of self-respect.

You are worth protecting.

— Sandra

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