



SASI tips on Saving

Some ideas to get you started:

1. Change your mindset from being comfortable with debt stress to being in control of your finances i.e. Commit to being debt free in 3, 6 or 12 months
2. Draft a realistic budget, revisit the budget monthly and be disciplined with your spending, particularly the small everyday items.
3. January is school expense priority month so keep funds aside from your annual bonus or monthly savings.
4. Be prepared for emergencies such as medical bills and car and home repairs.
5. Build monthly amounts in your budget for birthday gifts, car and home maintenance, interest rate hikes and petrol price increases.
6. Cuts in interest rates should be used to clear debt not take on more.
7. Make a note of all your purchases. That way you will be aware of unnecessary spending that could be used towards paying off existing debt.
8. Destroy one of your credit cards, pay off the debt, then destroy the next etc
9. Pay off the debt that has the highest interest rate first
10. Pay off debt as fast as you can – you can save the interest you would have paid on the debt
11. Do not borrow money to pay off debt and do not use one credit card to pay another
12. Do not open any retail store accounts as this encourages unnecessary spending.
13. Question the value of your purchases e.g. will it build my assets, is it purely a "show-off" item or is it cheaper elsewhere?
14. Don't accrue debt for non-essential purchases
15. Don't use debt to keep up with the Jones's, Sisulu's etc
16. Don't 'reward' yourself with items bought on credit
17. Start saving a little amount alongside your debt repayments and increase your savings with the installments of the paid-up debt.
18. Remember the benefits of compound interest.
19. It is never too early to start saving for retirement.
20. Get a moneybox and save the money that you would have spent on the lottery, cigarettes etc for the next year – the rewards are so much greater!
21. Teach your children the value of saving up for what they really want.
22. Start a savings club with a few friends or colleagues.