

Finances

THE FINAL NUMBER BUDGET WORKSHEET

We know a budget always helps with spending. Always. If we have an end number in mind we make better, more intentional decisions. So consider what you'd like your spending limit to be for this holiday season, and from there we will come up with a budget. Reference *Taking It to the Bank: Saving Money during Christmas* (page 113) in *Loving My Actual Christmas*.

MY FINAL HOLIDAY SPENDING LIMIT IS \$ _____

Working backward, this means I will spend the following on:

Gifts for those in my home	\$ _____	Travel (including additional gas for special events)	\$ _____
Gifts for those at work	\$ _____	Christmas cards (don't forget postage)	\$ _____
Gifts for extended family	\$ _____	Tickets for pageants, concerts, shows, etc.	\$ _____
Gifts for the helpers (teachers, pastors, postal workers)	\$ _____	Clothes	\$ _____
Party costs	\$ _____	Santa pictures	\$ _____
Special meals	\$ _____	Other:	
Baking	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
Decorations (including a tree)	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
Charitable giving / Christmas church offerings	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
		_____	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____



THE GIFT-GIVING PLANNING & BUDGETING WORKSHEET

Create a list of every person you need to buy for, record the budget you have for their gift(s), and brainstorm gift ideas. Reference *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Gift Giving on a Budget* (page 116) in *Loving My Actual Christmas* for inspiration. Remember it's not how much you spend on a person but the thoughtful touches you add that show you know what makes that person *truly* smile.

MY TOTAL GIFT BUDGET IS \$ _____

Name: _____ \$ _____
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Gift ideas: _____

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Parties

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNER WORKSHEET

How to get everything done, including hosting a party of some type, during the busiest . . . I mean happiest . . . time of the year is a puzzle. Use this worksheet in conjunction with *Why Are We Doing This Again? Party Hosting Basics* (page 129) in *Loving My Actual Christmas* to plan a party that won't blow your budget or your sanity.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PARTY IS _____

The party budget is: \$ _____

Party date, time, and location:

Guest list:

Special touches I'd like to add (this is a list of possibilities; not all are expected or desired. Choose what works for your stated party purpose):

Invitations: _____ Entertainment/Program: _____
Party favors: _____
Food/Drink: _____ Games/Crafts: _____
Decorations: _____

Others who can help with the party in funding, planning, or executing include:

I can do the following tasks ahead of time and/or with the following help:

DECORATING/SET UP:

Task _____
To be completed by _____

FOOD AND BEVERAGES:

Task _____
To be completed by _____

ENTERTAINMENT/PROGRAM:

Task _____
To be completed by _____

GAMES/CRAFTS:

Task _____
To be completed by _____

GIFTS OR FAVORS:

Task _____
To be completed by _____

TAKE DOWN, CLEAN UP:

Task _____
To be completed by _____