

Wants vs. Needs

1. First list all of your NEEDS. These are the necessities that you must have. (ex: rent, healthcare, transportation, emergency fund, clothing, etc.)

My Needs are:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. Now list your WANTS. These are items that are not necessary but things that enrich your life. (ex. travel, vacation home, recreation, major celebrations)

My Wants are:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Next go back to your list of Wants and rank them in order of most importance to you. Place a 1 next to the most important item and 10 next to the item least important to you.

Once you have determined your 'Needs' and most important 'Wants', it is time to price it out. Think about how much your 'Wants' add up. Is there anything that you can live without? Maybe you can make compromises for your 'Wants'? The 'Needs' lists will probably remain static however, the 'Wants' list will be where you need to sacrifice and get creative.

