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**LEONARD AND MOORE ROLE PLAY NOTES:**

The following notes may be given to those who will be role playing the respective characters in the role play of the first meeting. It makes it somewhat easier for a person to "get into their role" than having to review the whole Profile.

## **SHARLENE / JOE MOORE ROLE PLAY**

You are, depending upon your gender, either Sharlene or Joe Moore. It had been the expectation that both of you would be present for this first meeting with your counselor, Roger, but your spouse could not make it due to illness. Play the role of whichever spouse is appropriate and make up whatever details (for example, why Joe is back in school) that are not supplied below. You may be “creative” in developing your character but keep it within the realm of feasibility and act out your part in such a way that this will be an appropriate learning experience for the counselor.

You are 45 years old and have no children. Joe is currently working in retail part time and has recently returned to school. Sharlene is self-employed. The two of you have no savings and basically nothing in your checking account. You have a ten-year-old car (which, incidentally, you still owe almost \$3500 on) and live in a home with a market value of \$115,000. You have \$12,000 in school loans and another \$14,000 in credit card debt. You have indicated your net take home pay is \$3813.

According to the expenses you listed, you are spending \$648 a month more than your take home. In addition, there are several categories of expenses you have left blank. You have indicated you give \$20 a week to your church. You also list \$140 per month in liquor and tobacco expenses.

In your answers on the last page you indicated the need for help in budgeting and that you have been trying to give back what you can to God and have been praying a lot about your finances.

Indicate that you are nervous and embarrassed about being here and especially so because your spouse is not with you.

## **BARB / BARBOUR LEONARD ROLE PLAY**

You are, depending on your gender, either Barb or Barbour Leonard. The known facts about you follow, but you will need to “fill in the blanks” on any questions you are asked that are not covered below. Be creative in developing your character but be realistic enough that the role-play will be a good experience for your counselor.

You are 26 years old, divorced, the single parent of 4-year-old Cindy. You are a sales rep with take home pay listed as \$2535 per month, \$700 of which is commission. You have a 10-year-old automobile and list no savings or other assets except the car. You owe family and friends \$7500, have a bank loan of \$1400 and owe the IRS \$400.

According to the expenses you listed you have \$135 in income over expenses each month. However, there are a number of expense categories you did not fill in and, since you do not have any savings, this is probably not an accurate picture.

You have indicated on the back of the Profile that you are seeking budgeting and shopping tips from Good \$ense and that you have attended the Good \$ense Budget Course.