# Financial Self-Care:

# How to Promote an Abundant Life



## Resources

- Presentation Slides
- Handouts
- Other articles
- Video





# A Surprise Bonus from Therapy



# The intrinsic relationship between mental health & financial health



The COVID-19 Pandemic

A Global Mental Health/ Financial Health Trauma



# **Financial Trauma**

- Racism, discrimination, marginalization
- Poverty, chronic lack of resources
- Unemployment
- Business closing
- Foreclosure, short sale
- Bankruptcy
- Theft
- Lawsuit
- Illness, injury, disability

# Question: Mental/Financial Health Which do you see in your clinical work?

- a) Mental health issues impacting finances
- b) Self-worth issues impacting finances
- c) Relationship issues impacting finances
- d) Financial stress impacting mental health
- e) Financial stress impacting self-worth
- f) Financial stress impacting relationships
- g) Trauma impacting mental and financial health
- h) Burnout impacting mental and financial health



# It's Not About the Money

It's About Financial Health & Wellbeing





# The Psychology of Money

- Understand the impact of family-or-origin experiences and financial trauma
- Understand your thinking, emotions, behaviors, & relationship with money
- Emancipate yourself from self-limitation
- Harness the power of intention & selffulfilling prophecy
- Shift your thinking to positive psychology
- Expand your limits & comfort zone to live a greater life



# Understand Your Money Story

- Family-of-origin beliefs and experience
- Cultural, religious, and gender messages
- The meaning of money



- Therapy Session Questions and/or Journaling Prompts:
- For Assessment and Promoting Insight



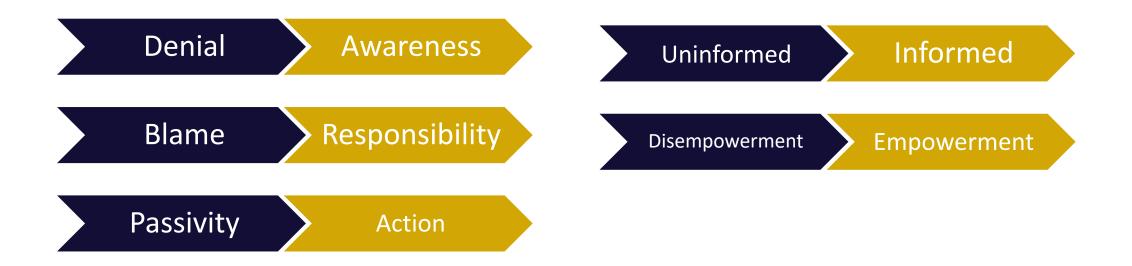


We all unconsciously recreate the familiar until we become aware and we choose something better.



# **Financially Conscious Behavior**

Decide to move from:



# **Improve Your Relationship with Finances**



Improve financial communication

- Establish systems
- Have regular meetings



Set Boundaries with Assertive Communication

- Partner
- Kids
- Extended family/in-laws





#### **Understand Codependency**

- Alcohol, drugs, addiction
- Mental health issues
- Other problems

#### A Story about Penny & Prosperity



# **Exercise Three**

- Look at Your Financial-Self in the Mirror:
- Apply Mindfulness to Finance



# **Financial Literacy**

- Budgeting
- Banking
- Investing
- Reading bills and reports
- Understanding interest and fees
- Empowerment



#### Scarcity vs Abundance

- Can be caused by fear
- Competing for available resources
- Rooted in limiting beliefs
- Focused on what you don't have

- Can be a result of gratitude
- Not competition involved
- Rooted in believing there is enough for everybody
- Focused on believing in yourself



- Record & Rewire Your Thinking:
- Utilize CBT to Cultivate Abundance





# **Change Your Language**

"I don't" to "I do" (e.g. "I don't deserve prosperity" to "I do deserve prosperity")

"I won't" to "I will" (e.g. "I won't get the job" to "I will get the job")

"I can't" to "I can" (e.g. "I can't start my own business" to "I can start my own business")

"I'm not" to "I am" (e.g. "I'm not very good at what I do" to "I am good at what I do")

SITUATION	THOUGHT	EMOTION	BEHAVIOR	ALTERNATE THOUGHT
Your coworker received the promotion instead of you.	"I suck."	Anger, sadness, shame	Sulky and passive- aggressive	"There will be a better opportunity for me in the future."



# The Flow of Money

- Balance earning, spending, and saving for strong flow
- Tolerate & planning for the ebbs & flows
- Investment in yourself
- Understand seasonal, stages of career, developmental stages of life
- Get into the flow of life & prosperity



# Discover Your Worth

#### And See We are All Beggars on a Golden Bench

What is your golden bench?

I am a financial planner, not a psychiatrist, but I do know that your net worth will rise to meet your self-worth only if your selfworth rises to accept what can be yours.

> SUZE ORMAN, author of ten consecutive *New York Times* best sellers about personal finance

#### Own Your Worth

#### Am I good enough? Yes, I am.

MICHELLE OBAMA, Lawyer, Author and Former First Lady of the United States





- Examine Your Self-Worth:
- Utilizing psychodynamic psychotherapy, self-psychology, and mindfulness



#### Emancipate yourself from selflimitation





# Shift Your Thinking

You certainly didn't go into this field for the money

You are a professional with an advanced degree who does important work in the world. When you have more, you can help more.

#### Why are you so enchanted by this world when a mine of gold lies within you?

RUMI, thirteenth-century poet, Sufi mystic, and theologian



# Remove Barriers and See Possibility



# When you refuse to believe something is impossible, it becomes possible.



## **Identify Income Streams**

- Therapy clients
- Coaching clients
- Public speaking, trainings & workshops
  - EAP (CISD's, workplace wellness, etc.)
- Consulting
- Blogging and article writing
- Passive Income:
  - Webinars
  - Book, audiobook, and e-courses
- Other side hustle





#### Success is a state of mind. In order to be a success, you must first think of yourself as a success.

#### **DR. JOYCE BROTHERS**





# Financial Self-Care Wheel Exercise

**Release Your Financial** Anxiety and More



## FEATURED ON REALSIMPLE -----

We are not our bank account; we are not our debt. That's how we are, not who we are.

# **The Emotions Around Money**

Create a paradigm shift from:



#### Detachment

Feelings are waves of energy which we can choose to surf, rather than allowing them to overcome us.

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# **Detach From:**

- Your own negative emotions like fear, anxiety, anger and sadness
- The negative emotions of others
- Expectations
- Outcome (embrace uncertainty)
- Risk to cultivate risk tolerance





## The Ego & Money

- Detach from ego
- Align with purpose
- Imposter syndrome & perfectionism
- Choose self-love over selfsabotage
- Be assured that when you have more, you can give more

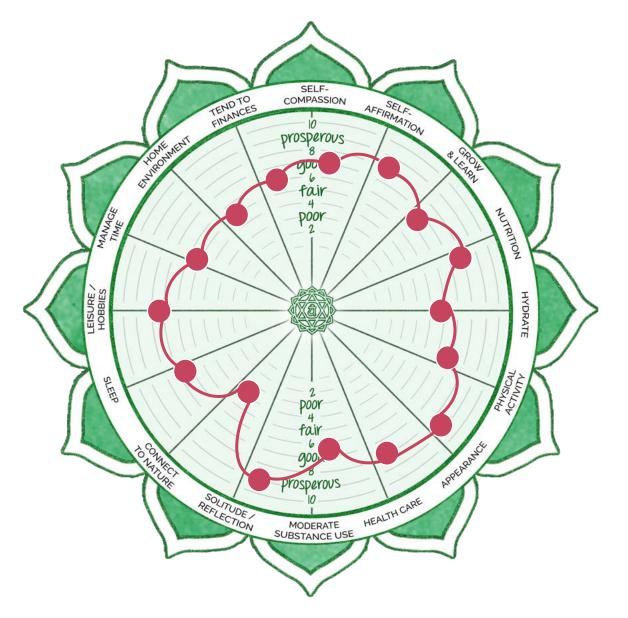
Healthy self-esteem is midway between Diva and Doormat

#### I am always enough. Period.





Having a healthy relationship with yourself is essential for happiness. Choose to be your own good parent, best friend, and greatest advocate.



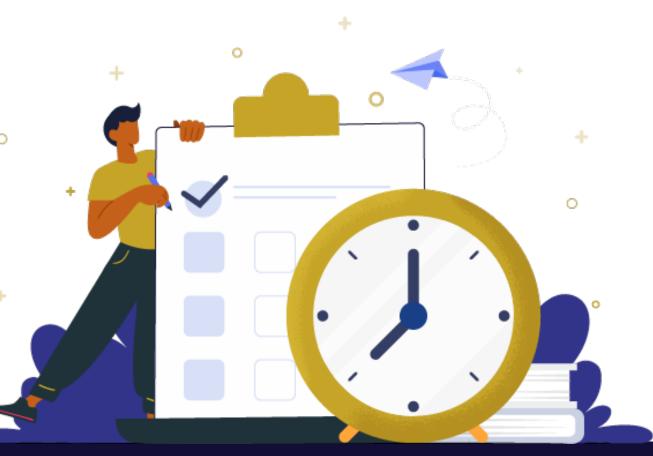
# Self-Love Wheel Exercise



# Apply Mindfulness to Finance

- Presence
- Mindful spending

# Develop Healthy Work-Life Balance





# **Step By Step Plans for Balance**

- 1. Create a vision that includes work-life balance
- 2. Create a business plan
- 3. Access support

# Vision

- Participate in Career Counseling or Coaching
- Professional Association Membership
- Utilize Mentoring
- Create a Vision Board
- 1-3-5 Year Plan





# Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.

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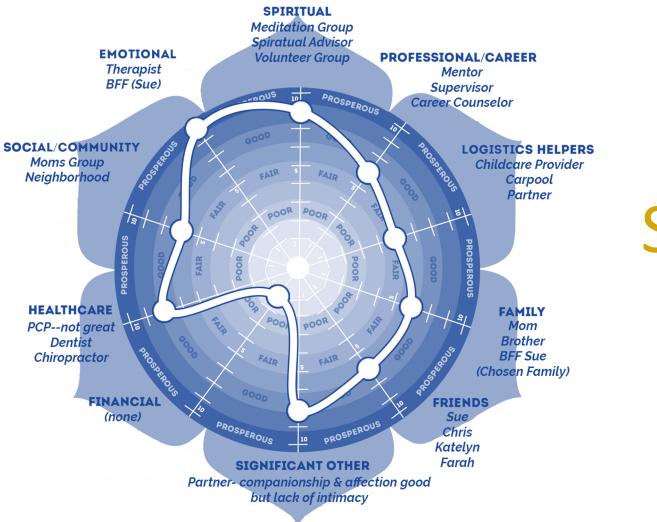


# **Barriers to Accessing Support**

- Fear (difficulty trusting)
- Pride
- Shame or stigma
- Guilt
- Fear of imposition
- Low self-esteem, not feeling deserving
- Learned helplessness

- Hopelessness
- Loss of power and control (ego)
- Loss of credit (ego)
- Early life messages
- Expense
- Introversion or shyness

#### 1-3 POOR, 4-6 FAIR, 7-8 GOOD, 9-10 PROSPEROUS



Completed Support Wheel Sample

#### Cultivate a Thriving Network

- Ask how you can help, rather than what you need
- Connect on LinkedIn
- Send them resources
- Follow-up
- Nurture your relationships





## Create a Financial Board of Advisors

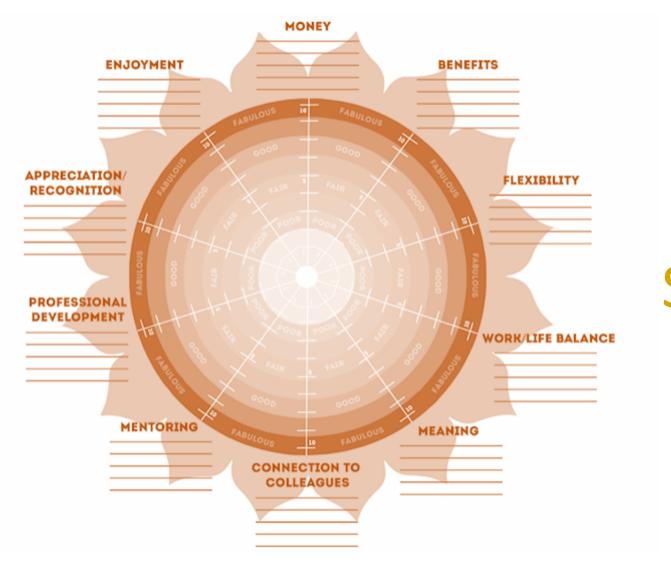
- Financial Planner/Advisor
- Accountant
- Attorney (for will, estate planning, etc.)
- Accountability Partner
- Counselor, Therapist or Coach
- 12-Step Support
  - o Debtors Anonymous, Underearners Anonymous,

Spenders Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous,

Codependent Anonymous

Set Healthy Financial **Boundaries for** Personal & **Professional Success** 





# Professional Satisfaction Wheel

1-3 POOR, 4-6 FAIR, 7-8 GOOD, 9-10 PROSPEROUS

# The Power of Negotiation

- Everything is negotiable:
  - Interest rates
  - Leases
  - Purchases



A negotiator should observe everything. You must be part Sherlock Holmes, part Sigmund Freud.

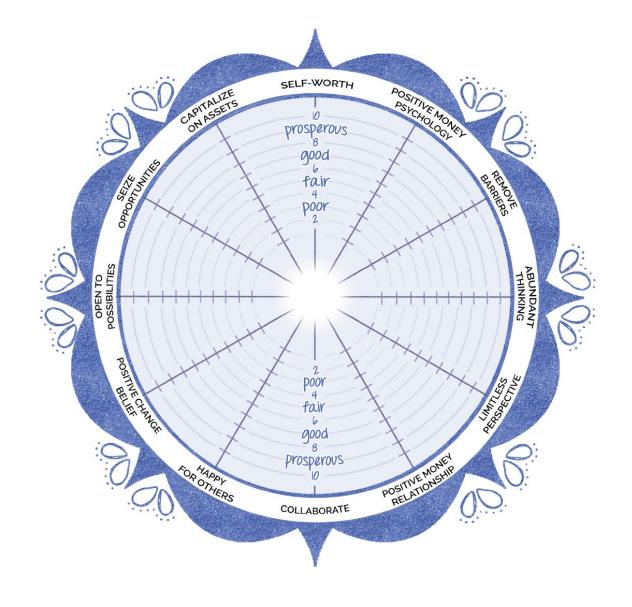
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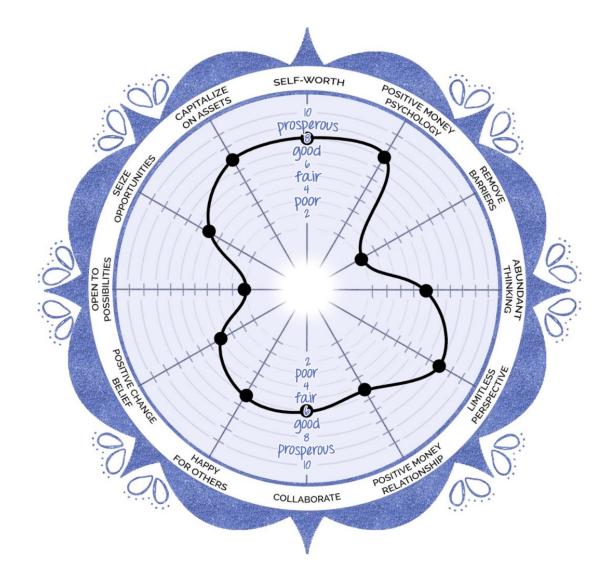
#### An Abundance Mindset Facilitates

- Creativity
- Positivity
- Hope
- Openness
- Flexibility
- Growth and expansion
- Empowerment
- What else? Clinical implications?



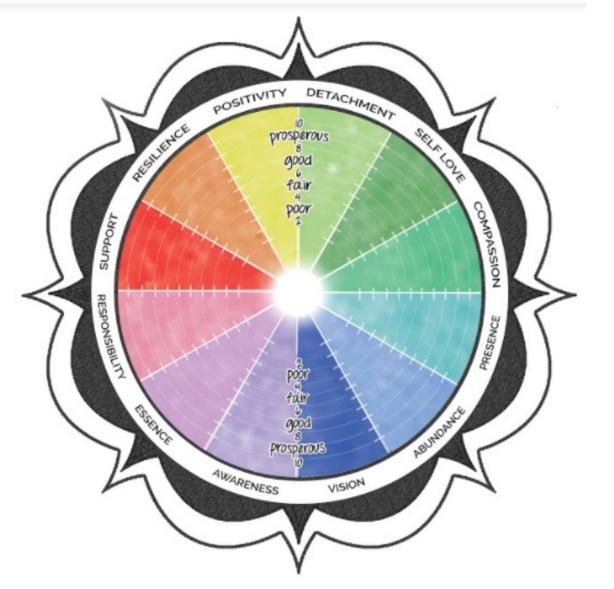


# Exercise Seven: The Abundance Wheel



### Sample Completed Abundance Wheel





# 12 Mindsets for Holistic & Balanced Success

# Mental Wealth

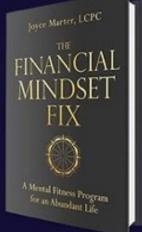


Success is to live openly, authentically & lovingly in alignment with the highest good of self & others – to the greatest extent possible.





How The Financial Mindset Fix Will Help You Conquer Money Blocks And Make You Rich



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