

## Going from Surviving to Thriving

I know it the holidays and most of us are thinking about everything, but money. You're probably thinking about how to minimize the amount of money you're going to spend during the holidays.

I'm going to share the story of one woman who in her own words "I have gone from being "acceptably surviving" to thriving".

"When I attended my first Forum in November of 2005, my husband and I had been undergoing financial difficulty for some time. Not long after the birth of our first child, we entered a debt management program. We understood that money would be tight for a long time, but knew it was the ethical thing to do. We now have three kids, and money has been tight, but we still feel that we made the right choice.

I found out about the Money Wi\$e Women's Forums through the Women's Business and Resource Directory. It may sound cliché, but at first I thought it sounded too good to be true. Financial advice from experts, at no charge, on topics that interested me--and in addition, I would get a free book? But you delivered all that you promised, without sales pitches or obligation. Your own story was inspiring, and the stories of other women that attended and spoke there also inspired me (or served as warnings!).

As a direct result of my attending your workshop, the following changes have taken place in my life since that time:

I found a life coach in one of the presenters at the forum, and engaged her  
I reevaluated my principles and beliefs and decided that my current work situation did not serve me (I had been there 11 years)  
I found a new job that I love  
I was promoted in my new organization within five months of starting work there  
I have re-engaged with my church and have become an active member  
We now have short-term and long-term financial plans and insurance in place (including wills)  
My family's finances are stable and more secure than they ever have been  
We bought a new car (we had previously not been able to fit the whole family into one of our vehicles!)  
My husband and I are now shopping for our first home

In short I have gone from being "acceptably surviving" to thriving! I am more happy, and successful, and confident about the future than ever before in my life. And this is because of your forum!

Thank you for the opportunities you offer at these seminars. The information you provide, and the friendly and supportive way in which you provide it, is making real differences in real lives. There is no way to put into words all that your seminars have done for me, but I wanted to give it a try--you and your efforts have made a significant, positive impact on my life. I will definitely advocate attendance at these to every woman I know, and will sing your praises to all who will listen. Thank you so much for deciding to create and run the forums; they are life-changing!"

If you're ready to thrive instead of survive – read my book, listen to my CD and/or register now to attend a Money Wi\$e Women Forum next year.