

Dear Mary,

You have WOWed me! I am very glad to have met you! I just met you on Thursday at QuickBooks class. I started reading your book Thursday night, I listened to your CD on my way to/from Wichita on Friday and I just finished your book tonight. I am so excited about my new life that is about to begin!

I have been telling people that there will be a lot of changes in the next year and even I had no idea! Kurtis and I are celebrating our 21st wedding anniversary in April, we have survived not only each other (this is a job in itself - and also a lot of fun), we have survived the military for 20 years, we have an 18yr old daughter and a 20yr old son. Ashley will be graduating this May and come August we will become kidless and our lives together can begin again. (Am I really thinking realistically?)

Anyhow, we are needing to get a hold of our finances because this crap stinks when you can't even afford for your daughter to take a college class her senior year. This is when I finally realized that something had to change.

I am so pumped after talking to you, listening to your CD and reading your book. As soon as I am done thanking you for your time - I am going to start my homework. I have told my niece about you, my sister, my brother and anyone else that I come in contact with.

Today, we had to go to Wal-Mart to buy a tire for Aaron so he could go back to college on Monday. We really couldn't afford to do this but we couldn't afford for him to get hurt either. So, we robbed Peter to pay Paul. (And Paul was broke, also) As we were walking into Wal-Mart in the Auto Service door we encountered a couple leaving. I overheard the lady tell her husband that they had just come to Wal-Mart to get their car serviced and look how much they bought while they were waiting! She wasn't real happy. I turned to my husband and said, "that is what they call entertainment shopping!" I was so thrilled that I had listened to your CD and read your book because that could have been me. Instead, we went with a list and we only bought what we needed. Well, I forgot to put milk on the list and we did pick that up - but, it was a need and not a want!

Mary - you have not only touched my life, you have touched my family's life. Thank you for caring about people that you don't even know.

I married my husband when I was 18 and right out of high school. My husband joined the Navy after we had been married for only 3 months and we moved away. We had our first child when I was 19. My mother passed away when she was 45. I was 26. My father passed away when he was 53. I was 29. I don't want you to feel sorry for me - but I want you to know that we feel like we have raised good children but we know that we have not taught them everything - we only taught them everything that we knew. We feel that we have taught them good morals and values but we have taught them nothing about finances. Heck, we didn't know anything ourselves.

We, as a family, are all about to go through some wonderful changes.

Thank you again!

Dana