

The Magic of Cash Envelopes

Do you remember reading in *Little House on the Prairie* about how they put money aside in a coffee can? Did you ever hear your grandparents talk about how they set aside money for things they needed to buy?

There was a little bit of magic in the way it “used to be done.” And the magic was in the simplicity. Think about life on the *Prairie*; how many things did they even have available to buy? There was one store, and at most, hundreds of things to choose from.

Today, between shopping malls, big box stores, online shopping, Craig’s List and everywhere in between, we have trillions of options. How do you choose what it is you want to buy next, especially given you’ve never been taught how to make buying choices?

Find simplicity, go old fashioned. Try the envelope system.

And I don’t mean for the rest of your life; just for a while. By anchoring yourself in the simplicity enjoyed by your great great grandparents, you will teach yourself how to see what is important to you, and what your choices are.

If you’re tempted to not read the rest of this section because you can’t even fathom being able to afford something you really want, please keep reading. The envelope system is just the thing you need.

