

## WORKSHEET #13: SHOULD I DECLARE BANKRUPTCY?

Things leading toward a “no” (check those that apply):

- You can pay all—or the vast majority—of your monthly bills.
- Your income will likely improve in the next three to nine months.
- You have *any* amount of savings in your name.
- You have *any* major assets (such as a car or house) in your name.
- You haven’t asked your creditors about structuring a new payment plan.
- You could pay off the rest of your debt in three to five years if you drastically cut expenses.

Things leading toward a “yes” (check those that apply):

- You are being sued for missed payments and/or money you owe.
- You cannot pay your taxes.
- Your debts increase every month.
- Bill collectors are calling you.
- There is no way you could pay off your credit card, medical, or

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other debts within three to five years, even with a drastic reduction in expenses. (Do not include home or car loans.)

\_\_\_As part of the above: You've gone through your budget and can't find *anywhere* to cut or any way to bring in significantly more money.

\_\_\_You are at risk of foreclosure or of losing your car because of your other debts.

\_\_\_Your mortgage, car, and/or credit card lenders have either (a) already lowered your payments, or (b) refused to change your payments.

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