THE ROLE OF MONEY IN LIFE

Understanding Your Cash Flow Across the Past, Present & Future

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Executive Summary

Money is more than a medium of exchange—it is the foundation of financial security, freedom, and peace of mind. Most people focus on increasing income but rarely evaluate where that income actually goes. This guide introduces a simple framework that helps every family understand and control cash flow by dividing it into three dimensions: the Past, the Present, and the Future.

1. Where Does Money Come From?

Income Source	Description	Example
Employment	Earn by exchanging time and skills	Monthly Salary
Business / Profession	Earn by providing products or services	Consultant, Shop Owner
Assets & Investments	Money works for you	Mutual Funds, FDs, Rent, Dividends

2. The Past • Present • Future Framework

PAST: Credit cards, personal loans, EMIs, borrowings.
PRESENT: Household expenses, rent, food, utilities, education, lifestyle.
FUTURE: Savings, investments, retirement planning, emergency fund, children's education.

Illustration

Monthly Income
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Past (Debt) → Present (Living Expenses) → Future (Investments & Wealth Creation)

3. Understanding Each Bucket

The Past
If a major portion of your salary goes towards debt, you are working today to pay for yesterday. High-interest debt should be reduced aggressively.

The Present
Enjoy life, but control lifestyle inflation. Budgeting helps maintain financial stability.

The Future
Invest first and let compounding work over time. Retirement planning, emergency funds and long-term investments build financial independence.

4. Healthy Cash Flow Goal

Dimension	Current Problem	Financial Goal
Past	High-interest debt	Reduce to Zero
Present	Overspending	Budget & Control

Future	Saving whatever is left	Pay Yourself First

5. Five Action Steps

• Track every rupee coming in and going out.

• Eliminate expensive debt as early as possible.

• Create an emergency fund before investing aggressively.

• Start SIPs or other long-term investments for future goals.

• Review your financial plan at least once every year.

Conclusion

True financial success is not measured only by how much you earn, but by how wisely you allocate your money between yesterday's obligations, today's needs, and tomorrow's dreams. A disciplined cash flow strategy creates confidence, security, and long-term wealth.