

Whether we like it or not, gas prices are affecting where we go and how far we have to travel to get there. It is predicted that gas prices are going to pass \$3,00 before the end of the coming summer.

As barrels of oil continue to climb in price, and we, as a nation, seem to be building two societies, one rich and one poor, we find that controlling our spending and changing our habits are two requisites that are needed to survive these tough times.

People with more money tend to hire a certified financial planner. However, more and more people are turning to budget coaches to assist them in reaching their goals. This is good news for Ericka Young who left a successful engineer career to commit full time to her budget coaching business known as Tailor-Made Budgets.

What led Young to creating her budget coaching business was life experiences. Young, along with her husband Christopher, were able to pay off \$100,000 in debt using creative strategies. She felt that these strategies could help others, so she researched money management practices and theories before going out on her own. She currently has nine clients with several small businesses and hope to double her clients by next year.

Young's business slogan is "Giving Your Dreams A Place to Flourish!," how appropriate. To learn more about Tailor-Made Budgets go to www.tailor-madebudgets.com or call Ericka at 480-200-2516.

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