

Image Description: Graphic titled “The Green Bottle” subtitled “Where You Fall on the Sliding Scale”

Main graphic is of three equal sized bottles with caps. Left bottle is filled all the way with green and reads: I am comfortably able to meet all my basic asterisk needs. I may have some debt but it does not prohibit attainment of basic needs. I own my home or property or I rent a higher end property. I own or lease a car. I am employed or do not need to work to meet my needs. I have regular access to health care. I have access to financial savings. I have an expendable two asterisks income. I can always buy new items. I can afford an annual vacation or take time off.

Center bottle is half filled with green and reads: I may stress about meeting my basic needs but still regularly achieve them. I may have some debt but it does not prohibit attainment of basic needs. I own or lease a car. I am employed. I have access to health care. I might have access to financial savings. I have some expendable income. I am able to buy some new items and I thrift others. I can take a vacation annually or every few years without financial burden.

Right side bottle has only a little bit of green filled in at the bottom and reads: I frequently stress about meeting basic needs and don’t always achieve them. I have debt and it sometimes prohibits me from meeting my basic needs. I rent lower end properties or have unstable housing. I do not have a car and or have limited access to a car but I am not always able to afford gas. I am unemployed or underemployed. I qualify for government assistance including food stamps and health care. I have no access to savings. I have no or very limited expendable income. I rarely buy new items because I am unable to afford them. I cannot afford a vacation or have the ability to take time off without financial burden.

The left side of the graphic has vertical text reading: “Financial Privilege” and the bottom text reads “Personal Financial Experience.” One asterisk indicates Basic Needs include food, housing, and transportation. Two asterisks indicate all caps Expendable Income might mean you are able to buy coffee or tea at a shop, go to the movies or a concert, buy new clothes, books, and similar items each month, etc.

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