

10 Steps to building wealth and protecting it

Plan

Create a budget. Schedule some time each month to review your income and expenses.

How do we know where we are going if we don't know where we are?

Review the interest rates on your credit cards & loans.

Consider which loans can be paid first, which loans should be refinanced, and then pay them off.

Interest rates increase the time it takes to pay off a loan, switch to lower rates when possible.

Pay yourself first. Ask yourself, can I afford to save \$_____ this month?

Just like paying a monthly bill, you must put money away for yourself each month.

Save a minimum of 3 months' worth of expenses.

A maximum of 12 months' worth of expenses is great!

Plan for your short-, mid- and long-term financial goals.

In addition to your regular savings account, it is important to consider alternative accounts (i.e., real estate, permanent life insurance, investments, retirement) to keep up with inflation and achieve your financial goals.

Protect

Protect your income. Insurance policies are a great way to ensure that your income is protected.

Car, disability, home, life, long-term care, and renters' insurance are necessary to ensure that your income is protected from emergencies.

Monitor your credit score and report each month. Identity theft happens daily.

Having a bad credit score can delay your dreams of getting the things you want.

Generate multiple streams of income. If you stop working, how will you continue to pay your bills?

A table with seven legs stands firmer than a table with one leg.

20% allocation. Consider 20 percent of your gross-income saved towards your short-, mid-, and long-term financial goals.

Each month distribute money to each of your accounts (i.e., investments, high yield savings, permanent life insurance, retirement).

Grow

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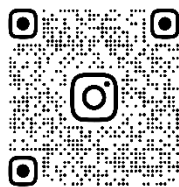
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