# It's Your Money Financial Planning II



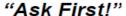
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## Putting It All Together

- 1. Financial planning should cover all aspects of your finances and align with your life goals.
- 2. Financial planning process follows 6-steps.
- 3. Find a financial planner that is right for you: CFP designation, fee-only (RIA) firm, fiduciary duty, trustworthy, good personality, and specializes in your needs.
- 4. Get your financial plan in writing and review it regularly.
- 5. Get your basic financial statements in order.

### What does a Financial Planner do?

- 1. Cash Flow Management
  - 2. Risk Management
- 3. Investment Management
  - 4. Tax Planning
  - 5. Retirement Planning
    - 6. Estate Planning

#### 1. Cash Flow Management

- Net Worth Statement (Balance Sheet)
- Cash Flow Statement
- Emergency Fund: 3-6 months of expenses

## Saving and Spending

- Saving
  - Pay yourself first
  - Employer matching; IRA contributions
- Spending Plan (Budget)
  - Track your income and spending
  - Set targets and goals

#### 2. Risk Management

Obtain objective advice to be sure you have proper types of insurance coverage:

- ☐ Health insurance
- ☐ Homeowner's, auto, and personal liability (umbrella) insurance
- ☐ Life insurance
- ☐ Disability insurance
- ☐ Long-term care insurance

#### Health Insurance

Usually from work, Covered CA, or Medicare:

- Track your medical expenses
  - Helps pick the right plan next year
  - Medical expenses may be deductible

## Homeowner's, auto, and personal liability (umbrella) insurance

- Check for sufficient coverage levels and avoid gaps
- Bundle policies for coordinated claims and discounts
- Consider a higher deductible to lower your premium
- Consider earthquake coverage

## Life and Disability Insurance

- Does anyone rely on your income?
- How much do they need? Income replacement
- Check and confirm beneficiary designations
- Disability Own occupation (good) vs. Any occupation (bad). Usually best to get it at work or a member organization.

### Long-Term Care Insurance

- Who should get it?
- Types of long-term care
- How to qualify for benefits, 2 of 6 Activities of Daily Living (ADLs):
  - 1. Can you eat on your own?
  - 2. Can you get dressed on your own?
  - 3. Can you walk?
  - 4. Can you go to the restroom on your own?
  - 5. Can you transfer from place to place?
  - 6. Can you control your bladder?

#### 3. Investment Management

The basics of investment management:

- □ Risk and Return
  - ☐ Risk tolerance, time horizon, financial need
- Allocation
  - Stocks
  - Bonds
- ☐ Asset Classes
- Diversification
- ☐ Investment philosophy/ strategy
- □ Benchmarks and indexes

#### The Randomness of Returns

Annual Return (%)

,	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Highest Return	34.2	34.5	36.0	39.8	8.8	79.0	28.1	9.4	20.1	38.8	32.0	5.8	31.7	37.8	2.1
<b>↑</b>	33.2	25.5	32.6	8.2	6.6	53.3	26.9	3.4	18.6	34.5	13.7	4.5	21.3	31.5	1.9
	29.9	21.1	29.6	7.9	4.7	51.4	24.9	2.3	18.1	32.5	13.5	1.5	17.3	28.6	1.5
	26.0	13.8	27.9	6.3	-28.9	37.2	24.5	2.1	17.9	32.4	4.9	1.4	12.0	21.8	-4.2
	22.4	13.1	23.5	5.9	-33.8	28.5	21.2	0.6	17.8	28.3	4.2	1.0	11.6	20.9	-4.4
	22.2	7.0	22.2	5.5	-36.8	27.2	19.2	0.4	17.5	26.0	1.9	0.9	8.4	14.6	-8.3
	18.3	4.9	19.8	3.6	-37.0	26.5	15.5	-4.2	17.1	21.7	1.2	0.2	8.0	13.7	-11.0
	16.5	4.7	18.4	2.5	-39.2	20.6	15.1	-5.5	16.3	1.2	0.2	-3.8	6.7	7.8	-12.9
	10.9	4.6	15.8	-0.2	-44.3	19.7	3.8	-10.6	16.0	0.6	-1.8	-4.4	4.7	3.8	-14.2
	2.7	3.1	4.3	-1.6	-45.6	2.3	3.7	-15.5	2.1	0.3	-5.0	-7.5	1.5	1.1	-14.5
	1.3	2.4	4.1	-9.8	-47.8	0.8	2.0	-16.4	0.9	-0.1	-5.4	-8.0	1.0	0.7	-17.8
Lowest Return	8.0	1.3	3.8	-17.6	-53.2	0.2	8.0	-18.2	0.2	-2.3	-5.6	-14.6	8.0	0.6	-17.9
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
US Large Cap	<b>2004</b> 10.9	<b>2005</b> 4.9	<b>2006</b> 15.8	<b>2007</b> 5.5	<b>2008</b> -37.0	<b>2009</b> 26.5	<b>2010</b> 15.1	<b>2011</b> 2.1	<b>2012</b> 16.0	<b>2013</b> 32.4	<b>2014</b> 13.7	<b>2015</b> 1.4	<b>2016</b> 12.0	<b>2017</b> 21.8	<b>2018</b> -4.4
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#### Model Portfolio: Historical Returns

Annual Return (%)



Dimensional Balanced Strategy Index	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Annualized Return	Annualized Standard Deviation
Equity	23.6	13.5	24.6	0.8	-41.8	42.4	21.9	-5.9	18.6	27.6	6.8	-2.9	18.0	18.9	-11.6	8.18	16.61
80/20	19.0	11.3	20.3	2.0	-33.7	34.1	18.1	-4.1	15.1	21.7	5.7	-2.1	14.6	15.1	-8.9	7.22	13.23
60/40	14.5	9.0	16.1	3.2	-24.8	25.7	14.1	-2.4	11.5	16.1	4.5	-1.3	11.2	11.4	-6.2	6.14	9.84
40/60	10.1	6.8	12.0	4.4	-15.2	17.5	10.1	-0.9	8.0	10.7	3.4	-0.6	7.8	7.8	-3.5	4.94	6.48
20/80	5.8	4.6	8.0	5.5	-4.8	9.3	6.1	0.6	4.6	5.4	2.2	0.1	4.4	4.2	-0.8	3.63	3.17
Fixed	1.7	2.4	4.1	6.6	6.4	1.3	2.0	1.9	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.7	1.1	8.0	1.9	2.22	1.10

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## **Diversifying Stocks**

Domestic vs. international stocks Growth vs. value funds

- Growth: high price/earnings ratio
- Value: low price/earnings ratio

Small cap vs. large cap funds Market capitalization — number of shares outstanding multiplied by share price

- Small cap: generally less than \$5 billion
- Mid cap: generally between \$5 \$10 billion
- Large cap: generally more than \$10 billion

#### 4. Tax Planning

What is your adjusted gross income (AGI)? What is your marginal tax bracket?

- ☐ Adjusted gross income
- ☐ Standard deduction vs. Itemized deductions
- Taxable income
- ☐ Credits
- □ Tax withheld
- ☐ Tax owed

## Tax Strategies

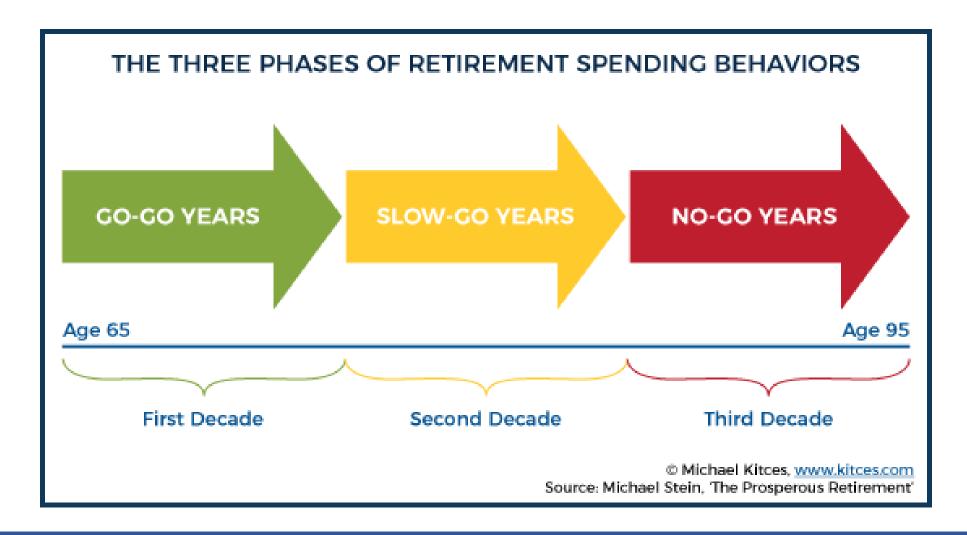
- Defer income
- Accelerate deductions
- Maximize pre-tax savings
- Itemized Deductions
  - Medical
  - Taxes
  - Interest
  - Charitable contributions
- Roth Conversions
  - Bracket filling
  - RMD, QCD, tax-loss harvesting
  - Lower tax environment until 2025, when TCJA sunsets

#### 5. Retirement Planning

The basics of retirement planning:

- ☐ When can I retire?
- ☐ How much do I need?
- ☐ Will I have enough?
- □ A shift in perspective: Accumulation vs. Distribution
- ☐ Retirement planning strategies

#### Retirement Expenses Vary Over Retirement



#### How much do I need?

Assumes: 3% inflation and a 30-year retirement.

Annual Pre-Tax Expenses	Rate of Return 2%	Rate of Return 5%	Rate of Return 8%
\$75,000	\$2.6 million	\$1.7 million	\$1.2 million
\$100,000	\$3.5 million	\$2.3 million	\$1.6 million
\$150,000	\$5.2 million	\$3.5 million	\$2.5 million
\$200,000	\$6.9 million	\$4.6 million	\$3.3 million

#### How much do I need to save?

Assumes: 20-years to save before a 30-year retirement.

Annual Pre-Tax Expenses	Savings per year for 20 years	Rate of Return 5%
\$75,000	\$51,000	\$1.7 million
\$100,000	\$70,000	\$2.3 million
\$150,000	\$106,000	\$3.5 million
\$200,000	\$139,000	\$4.6 million

#### Saving for Retirement

- 401k In 2022, contribution max. \$20,500 with an additional \$6,500 catch up for people over 50.
- IRA and Roth IRA In 2022, contribution max. \$6,000 with an additional \$1,000 catch up for people over 50. Confirm the AGI limit.

#### Retirement Income Resources

- Social Security
- Employer retirement plans
- Pension
- Other savings:
  - Spouse/partner's retirement plans
  - Plans from former employers
  - IRAs or Roth IRA
  - Regular investment accounts
  - Inheritance?

## Social Security offers income you can't outlive

If your monthly benefit is \$2,000 today and you live:

10 more years		\$301,141	
20 more years	you'll receive a total of	\$659,382	in lifetime benefits
30 more years		\$1,122,454	

Assumes 2.6% annual cost-of-living adjustments

## Advantages to Delaying Benefits

Age at which benefits are claimed	% of PIA if FRA = 67	Benefit without COLAs (\$)	Benefit with COLAs (\$)
62	70.00	1,960	1,960
63	75.00	2,100	2,155
64	80.00	2,240	2,358
65	86.67	2,427	2,621
66	93.33	2,613	2,896
67	100.00	2,800	3,183
68	108.00	3,024	3,527
69	116.00	3,248	3,887
70	124.00	3,472	4,263

Assumes PIA = \$2,800 and 2.6% annual COLAs from age 62

## When to apply for Social Security: Key points to remember

- What is your health status and life expectancy?
- If you apply early, your benefit starts lower and stays lower for life.
- COLAs magnify the impact of early or delayed claiming.
   The longer you live, the more beneficial it is to delay benefits.
- Decision impacts survivor benefits as well: delaying benefits may give surviving spouse more income. Surviving spouse could get 100% of the deceased spouse's benefit if they claimed at FRA or later.

## Taxation of Social Security benefits

Filing status	Provisional income*	Amount of SS subject to tax
Married filing jointly	Under \$32,000 \$32,000 - \$44,000 Over \$44,000	0 Up to 50% Up to 85%
Single, head of household, qualifying widow(er), married filing separately & living apart from spouse	Under \$25,000 \$25,000 - \$34,000 Over \$34,000	0 Up to 50% Up to 85%
Married filing separately and living with spouse	Over 0	85%

<sup>\*</sup>Provisional income = AGI + one-half of SS benefit + tax-exempt interest

#### 6. Estate Planning

The basics of estate planning:

- ☐ Will(s) for each of you
- ☐ Living trusts
- ☐ Durable power of attorney for finances
- ☐ Advanced health care directive
- ☐ Letter of instruction
- ☐ Probate Public, takes a long time, and costly

## Key Takeaways

- 1. Financial planning can be very complex and feel overwhelming.
- 2. People seeking a financial planner either: Don't have the time, knowledge, or desire to do it themselves.
- 3. Find a financial planner that is right for you: CFP designation, fee-only (RIA) firm, fiduciary duty, trust, and specializes in your needs.

# Please complete the evaluation form Thank you!



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