

YOUR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE TO FINANCIAL WELLNESS

Getting a handle on your finances can help you tackle your debt, enhance your current lifestyle, and prepare for a comfortable financial future. It starts small and grows over time, leading to the ultimate goal: **financial wellness**.

1 PAYING DOWN DEBT: From Credit Cards to Student Loans

- Start with your lowest outstanding balance and pay it off (store credit card, phone bill, utility bill, etc.)
- For student loans, find the one with the highest interest rate and try to pay more than the minimum balance
Ex: if minimum payment is \$150, aim to pay almost double that amount each month
- Apply a portion of your work bonuses toward your debt

tip:

PAYING DOWN DEBT

When shopping, try these two ideas:

1. Leave your credit cards at home
2. Pay in cash

2 PAYING YOURSELF: Emergency Saving + Buying a Home

EMERGENCY FUNDS

- Save enough to cover at least 3 to 6 months' worth of living expenses
Include: housing, food, health insurance, utilities, personal expenses, transportation and savings

BUYING A HOME

- Rework your budget, allocating more toward saving for a down payment
- Reduce your current expenses (lower your grocery budget by 5%, bring lunch to work, etc.)

tip:

PAYING YOURSELF

To automatically save more, set up a transfer per payroll at a different bank or unlinked savings account.

3 PAYING FOR YOUR FUTURE: Retirement

RETIREMENT

- Strive to save 12-15% of your annual pay towards retirement
- Plan to spend at a minimum of 30 years in retirement or more if you plan to retire early

tip:

PAYING FOR YOUR FUTURE

Find out how much retirement you can afford by logging into your retirement account to learn more.

Attaining financial wellness is a lifelong goal that starts with freeing yourself from debt, living within your means, and saving for a better future. It's never once and done. We strive to help our clients understand their finances, so they can maximize their dollars toward a lifetime of financial security.

For more information on how you can get started to maximize your dollars, **CONTACT US TODAY**

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