Net/Max Platinum Plan (2025 Revised Edition)

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- 1. Know your <u>Net Worth</u>. Assess and minimize your Issues. <u>Understand your numbers</u>. Free Financial Apps like Empower (aka **PERSONAL CAPITAL**).
- Double check important documents such as Life Insurance. Craft, discuss, and define your lifelong legacy. This is the best part. Approach with fierce bravery. <u>Wills, Living Wills, and Power of</u> <u>Attorney</u> are the top priorities. Even mistakes are a great pivot point.
- 3. Review your retirement income sources i.e. Pensions (if any), Social Security Benefits, and Medicare. Create an account at <u>mySSA.gov</u>. This site breaks out anticipated yield at the early retirement age of 62, at the full retirement age of 67, or at the max of 70.
- 4. Review your Monthly Budget. Balancing any monetary leaks, and assessing annual needs.
- 5. Stash and Save at least \$50k in a Starter Emergency Savings Fund (Bank Savings at 0.01%are not Bueno ☺) Adjust annually OpenBank has 4.75% as of 1.17.2025.
- 6. Accelerate your **Debt Pay-offs -** using the **Debt Blizzard** approach.
 - a. Credit Card (CC) debt is the 1st to go. CCs tend to range avg. 22.50%+ Interest Rate Understand the interest fee drain. 2nd Personal Loans (if any). 3rd Mortgage (if any).
 - b. No more picking up the tab for anyone. Focus on clearing your hand. Desperate refinancing adds time and fees. I would caution the use of Reverse Mortgages.
- 7. Match your 401K or 403B investments at least. Contribution limits for 2025 for ages 50 and above is \$23.5k per year plus \$7.5k catch up contributions (per person). This is where you finish strong. Every bit counts toward future stability, growth, and emotional security.
- Consider a reduction in <u>Housing Expenses</u>. No more than 28% of your take home should go to your housing expenses. With 1%-5% for annual maintenance fees and/or upgrades. Consider moving in with others to share the load. Or consider, <u>House Hack</u> or Air BNB room rental approach.
- 9. Work towards 2-yr's expenses in High Interest Savings. Also works as a great vacation savings space. A cap off cruises. Or actionable opportunity funding source.
- 10. Review and Rebalance your portfolio. Reinvest in <u>Dividend Stocks</u> (as an option), REIT Index ETFs, or even Health Care ETFs. The more you understand about the sector, the better. Diversify your Portfolio. Buy in bulk. Avoid excess fees. Self-educate, or enlist the aid of professionals.
- 11.Put up to \$8k in Traditional and/or ROTH IRA (per person, if you have the available funds).
- 12. Spoil your kids and/or grandkids with Love. Turns out; your time, spirit, family traditions, recipes, and work ethic are far more valuable in life to your family than your money. You created this family, remember that.
- 13.Mend old wounds from within and without. The first person that you know with issues, is likely yourself. Invest in meditation. Workout regularly. And really talk things through with others. <u>Relationships are hard</u>. You can consider a Health Savings Account to contribute up to \$10,000.
- 14.Continue to redefine purpose and wealth through <u>multiple streams</u> Hone your skills and your passions. Boldly following your own path. Or just work part-time.
- 15.You did more than enough. So most importantly, Enjoy and Keep Learning!