

So Blessed!

Weathering the Economic Storm

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If you're like many Americans, you may be feeling depressed about the economy, your job prospects or your overall financial situation. Media reports tell us everyday how much worse the economy is getting, how many people are getting laid off and other doom and gloom news.

But while our country is experiencing some very tough economic times, this isn't the time to throw up your hands and give up on getting out of debt, buying a home, sending your kids to college or retiring comfortably. Now, more than ever, you need a strategic plan to stay on course for obtaining financial security.

Here are five things you need to do now to protect your financial future:

1. Pay off as much debt as possible.
2. Build up a cash cushion that would cover at least six months of your total household expenses.
3. Rebalance your investment portfolio so you don't have too much tied up in stocks.
4. Cut down on watching too many financial news reports if they are stressing you out and leading you to make rash decisions with your money.
5. Take classes that can give you new skills to become more marketable in your field.

Even if you're facing tough economic times, you don't have to succumb to a poverty mentality. Things will get better but you must do your part to make wise financial decisions. The government may be able to pass a stimulus package, but only you can change your own behavior to be a better steward over your money and other resources.

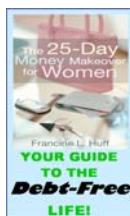
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