

# **Financial Tips**

## **Retirement Planning begins in our twenties or thirties, better yet, at birth!**

### **Golden Rule of Accumulation – START EARLY!**

**1. Compound Your Gains**

Time is the most powerful weapon in an investor's arsenal. Nothing else comes close to it. Again, start saving and investing early.

**2. What is the best investment for the next 40-50 years?**

For the U.S. economy and U.S. companies, the future looks pretty much like the past. Globalization will increase opportunities and of course the greatest risk will be inflation. So keep expenses low, watch out for taxes and diversify.

**3. Where to invest**

*Three criteria to help you invest.*

- a. Half of savings in large US companies
- b. Hold in a managed mutual fund with minimal expenses
- c. 20% in small US companies
- d. 30% in International stocks
- e. As you get older, move some investments to bonds.

## **10 Proven Strategies of Investing**

1. Know where you stand today! Where does your money go?
2. Be prepared for emergencies
3. Insure for the unexpected
4. Create a Will and Estate plan. Documents you should have:
  - a. Will
  - b. Power of Attorney
  - c. Living Will
  - d. Health Care Surrogate
5. Reduce Your Debt
6. Invest for the Long term
7. Asset Allocate – Diversify in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, cash, homes, etc.  
Know your time horizon and risk tolerance
8. Dollar – Cost Average. Invest a consistent amount on a regular basis usually monthly
9. Contribute the maximum to your retirement plan
10. Seek expert advice – *Call us – 407-671-4696*