

4 BEHAVIORS THAT CAN IMPROVE YOUR



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A recent report by The Federal Reserve shows nearly a quarter of all Americans have no retirement savings or pension, and more than half of adults over 60 feel financially underprepared for retirement.

Looking for ways to improve your financial health? Check out four behaviors that can help you stay on track for long-term success.





PAY YOURSELF FIRST:

Instead of paying your bills and saving what's left, automatically route a percentage of your paycheck to a savings account or company-sponsored plan like a 401(k) or TSP before you pay anyone else. You'll be amazed at how quickly your money grows when you pay yourself first.

SAVE AND INVEST WITH THE "BIG PICTURE" IN MIND:

A comprehensive financial plan provides the "big picture" you need to help you stay on track to achieving your goals. It details your current financial situation, your short- and long-term objectives and shows the path between them.



PLAN FOR THE UNEXPECTED:

You can't predict when they might happen, but it's the unexpected events that impact us the most.

The right kind and amount of insurance, maintaining a healthy emergency fund, and a truly diversified portfolio are all great ways to help you stay prepared.



WORK WITH THE RIGHT FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL:

Financial advisors -- both good and bad -- can impact your financial future for years to come. What's their investment philosophy? How are they compensated? Are they legally required to put your interests first? Consider all of these questions when choosing someone to work with you.



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