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The stock market has been in a downtrend since the close on February 19, 2025 through the date of this writing. It became an official correction (a decline of 10% or more) for the S&P-500 on March 13, 2025. Is that it? It's not unusual to have a 10% correction in an on-going bull market, and this could be the current case. But it also could be the beginning of a bear market.

Not every 10% correction turns into a bear market, but every bear market starts with a 10% correction.

The fact is, no one knows for sure; not us, not you, not your advisor, and not the talking heads. However, that doesn't mean you can't be prepared if this correction is one of those that morphs into a bear market.

At Moulton Wealth Management, we have a set of Core Investment Principles to guide us through times like these.

What are Core Investment Principles?

They are the core beliefs that drive our strategies. They help us stay emotionless and grounded during market turbulence, so we can make the best, objective, math-based decisions for our clients.

If you don't have a strategy, and a belief system already in place BEFORE a market decline, we dare say your odds of successfully navigating it are greatly reduced. After all, you don't worry about car insurance only after the accident. You don't worry about homeowners' insurance as you watch the house burn. You hopefully don't worry about your health only after a heart attack.

Ignoring risk is not "proactively planning for an optimal outcome", instead it leaves you simply reacting to being caught off guard.

With that said, our Core Investment Principles:

At Moulton Wealth Management we are committed to having your money last as long as you do.

This is non-negotiable. So many advisors and talking heads alike discuss past returns, or even projected returns based on the past, but few delve into the risks of major drawdowns for those in, or close to, retirement. We focus on risk first.

As such, we believe that growth is important, but protection of principal is more important.

A single bear market, leading to a significant loss of principal, can destroy a portfolio regardless of past or projected returns.

The goal of our Advance and Protect Strategy is unlimited upside, with tolerable downside.

Avoiding all drawdown is neither reasonable or obtainable, when you are investing in equities. But we believe you can manage drawdowns through a math-based sell discipline, so that your portfolio and retirement can survive.

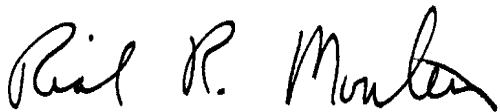
The Advance and Protect Strategy comes with opportunity cost in certain market conditions.

Remember the goal of a defensive system – it's to protect your principal. It's not to be right 100% of the time, nor will it be. There will be times when the system takes risk out of a portfolio but the market moves higher. But that's preferable to ignoring risk and eventually taking a large drawdown.

We believe investors should take the least amount of risk possible to accomplish their goals.

We believe that calculating a Family Index for each investor is critical. A Family Index is the least return necessary to accomplish all that investor's goals. It includes all income sources, all assets, taxes, inflation and market volatility, and uses a Monte Carlo simulation to calculate 10,000 possible outcomes. Risk increases exponentially as investors

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chase higher returns.

It's better to pay taxes on gains, than to lose principal.

No one likes to pay taxes, including us. But we would rather pay taxes on gains than to deduct losses. Paying taxes means you've made money. As such, it's a "high-class problem".

Having a professional retirement planner, with a proven defensive system, can help you achieve a successful retirement.

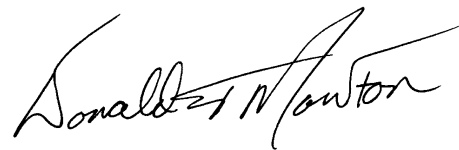
At our free, no obligation seminars we review...

- How to protect yourself from lawsuits and disasters.
- How to make sure your estate plan is in good order.
- Considerations for changing tax laws.
- How to find your Family Index, giving you a high probability of financial success in retirement.
- Investing with a defense.

What is your plan?

Attend one of our free seminars or call the office to hear about your options.

Time may be short.



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Quality Inn—North
Breakfast
7919 N. Division —Spokane
April 23rd @ 9:30 AM

TRI-CITIES

Hampton Inn
Breakfast
486 Bradley Blvd—Richland
April 30th @ 11:00 AM

- ◇ How employing and consistently following a defensive system could help you to a better retirement.
- ◇ The “Widow’s Tax” could be a major drain on the survivor’s spendable income!
- ◇ What happens when an economic downturn makes it difficult for companies to pay back their massive debt?
- ◇ Why Buy and Hold Investing was right for the 80’s and 90’s yet very wrong for today.
- ◇ Will inflation eat up your assets?
- ◇ How to potentially decrease taxes on your hard earned Social Security Income
- ◇ To Roth or not to Roth?

And so much more!

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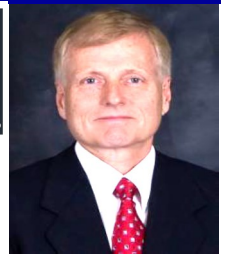


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