

## Wealth Care LLC Monthly Commentary-June 2015

### Value Added

We came across an excellent article about the value added in using a trusted financial planner and would like to share some of the contents over the next few commentaries. The seven areas of benefit to you include:

- Return on Investment-better long term investment returns than you are likely to get otherwise
- Organization
- Accountability
- Objectivity
- Proactivity
- Education
- Partnership

Last month, we focused on Organization. This month, let's discuss the value of Accountability.

Accountability to us means that we carefully give you our recommendations on organizing your financial life. We point out issues that may bring danger or hardship (not enough insurance, inadequate asset protection), and encourage you to reach your goals (saving enough money to retire when desired).

Accountability means that we take you through the steps to achieve your goals and to avoid mistakes. It means that we follow through with you (nag, nag) to see that things get done.

On an ongoing basis, we remain available to discuss new aspects of your financial lives and to review old issues.

Next month, we'll discuss the value of Objectivity.

## Investment Thoughts

Moving towards the middle of the year, we continue to see non US stocks outpace US stocks in terms of returns. This is uncertain to continue, but certainly not unexpected. We've talked several times over the last couple of years on how different asset classes cycle up and down in returns without predictability-the very underlying argument for diversification. If the trend continues, I'll expect to see most Wealth Care LLC portfolios outperforming US stocks at midyear.

It does look more likely that the Federal Reserve will begin to hike interest rates over the next year. Although doing so will generate a zillion articles on how the stock market is immediately doomed, the truth is that the US stock market tolerates the first few interest rate hikes with equanimity the vast majority of the time.

Our foreign developed market investments have been at least partially hedged for currency shifts for the last year, which has paid off. If the Fed hikes and the EU and Japan keep printing money (as now), the hedges will continue to be worthwhile. At some point however (with a cheaper Yen and Euro against the dollar), the hedges will come off.

## Random Notes

Whether or not money can buy happiness, it can buy freedom, and that's a big deal. Also, lack of money is very stressful. In almost all ways, having enough money so that you don't stress about paying rent does more to change your wellbeing than having enough money to buy your own jet. Making money is often more fun than spending it, though I personally have never regretted money I've spent on friends, new experiences, saving time, travel, and causes I believe in.-Sam Altman

The more I practice, the luckier I get-Gary Player.

The road from market genius to village idiot is exceedingly short--(hedge fund manager) Larry Robbins

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