

Six Tips for Retirement

What are your plans for retirement? Do you want to travel, take it easy, spend time with grandkids, or start a new hobby? Whatever your plans, you will want to be comfortable financially. Here are six tips to help you achieve your plans.

1. You will need an income equivalent to 80% or more of what you were making before you stepped away from that great career you had.
2. If you are in good health, don't plan to retire before you are 70.
3. Pay yourself first and set aside 10% of your income for retirement.
4. Plan on having several careers during your working lifetime. Make it more enjoyable by turning a hobby into a career or business.
5. Make sure you take advantage of employer sponsored retirement plans especially if they match the funds you contribute. If you are self-employed, setup a tax-deferred retirement plan.
6. Don't count on pensions when estimating your retirement needs. Also, be prepared for changes in Social Security. You can significantly increase your Social Security income by waiting until your Full Retirement Age (FRA) or better yet waiting until you are 70 to take your benefits.

With life expectancy continuing to increase, you may live to be 100! So be prepared.