The Future of Financial Planning:
Trends in the Industry – Past, Present and Future

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The three movements since 1970

1. Professional designation - CFP® among others
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Life planning influences, products and services

- **Regulatory action**: TCF & RDR

- **Software** *(Money Quotient, Financial DNA, Financial Life Planning, Legacy)*

- **Trainings and systems:**
  1. Kinder Institute of Life Planning
  2. Sudden Money
  3. Values Based
  4. Appreciative Inquiry
  5. Kahler
  6. Dilberto
The client’s story

The Seven Stages of Money Maturity®

Maturity: Aloha Vision

Adulthood: Vigor Understanding Knowledge

Childhood: Pain Innocence

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The 3 essential relationship skills for life planning

1. **Listening**
   (silent, body language and gutturals)

2. **Empathy**
   (verbal and non)

3. **Inspiration**
   (including optimism, excitement, energy, enthusiasm and appreciation)

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I want you to imagine that you are financially secure, that you have enough money to take care of your needs, now and in the future.

The question is:

How would you live your life?

Would you change anything?

Let yourself go. Don’t hold back on your dreams

Describe a life that is complete, that is richly yours
This time you visit your doctor who tells you that you have only five to ten years left to live. The good part is you won’t ever feel sick. The bad news is that you will have no notice of the moment of your death.

What will you do in the time that you have remaining to live?

Will you change your life and how will you do it?
This time your doctor shocks you with the news that you have only one day left to live. Notice what feelings arise as you confront your very real mortality.

Ask yourself:

What did I miss?

Who did I not get to be?

What did I not get to do?
The 5 foundational goals

1. Family
2. Spirit
3. Creativity
4. Community
5. Place
The client centered interview process

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Bringing Life to money™

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Offer

If I/we were to deliver to you _______ over the course of our work together, how would that be?

Sale

Affect, body language, energy, language of fire and energy
Challenges to a life planning business model

The 4 myths about life planning

1. Life planning is practicing psychology

2. You can’t get paid for life planning

3. Life planning is an inefficient way to practice financial planning. It takes too much time

4. Customers don’t want life planning
The business core for a financial life planning practice

**Business strengths**

- Most efficient way to do financial planning – by far!
- Clients for life
- Greater retention, fewer sales
- Higher percentage of assets under management AUM
- Advisor income stream automatic rather than constantly selling
- Closing ratios much higher
- Referrals after first meetings
- Transferable / trainable / scalable / saleable
- 4-5 times the value of commission
- Energized client, re-energized advisor
Life planning, risk management and the banking crisis

- Risk management
- Life planning conversation about income and life plan
- 4% solution
- 1926 – 2009 Ibbotson data
- Monte Carlo
- 60/40 allocation
Future of financial planning and branding

- Three movements over the last 35 years
- The 4 futures
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Branding and experience

1. Integrity
2. Freedom
3. Relationship
4. Accessibility

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Sources of branding

- Regulators: FSA
- Associations: IFP and PFS
- Platforms
- Banks
- Insurance companies
- IFA’s
"When inner happiness and virtue are brought into the world, great economic value ensues, including social stability. Without happiness and virtue, there is a misallocation of resources from each individual. Too often we are pursuing goals counterproductive to what we truly want and who we truly want to be. Life Planning produces happiness and virtue more rapidly and more directly in people than any other financial process because it isolates, expands and then dedicates focused action on what each client genuinely wants at the core of his or her life."

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