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What's New

As of September 9, 2014

Here's a quick update of what's new from New Road Map Foundation, host of FinancialIntegrity.org and the Simple Living Forum. These community-created websites are the "go-to" places for people who are integrating financial integrity into their lives by aligning their financial lifestyles with their personal values and goals.

On The Wiki

Tools and Examples: Tracking Tools Update

Knowing where your money goes is the first step to aligning your spending with your values. The key is to find a tracking system that really works for your personality and habits. Some people are still just using a little notebook that they use every time they make a purchase. Hey, don't knock it - it brought them financial independence! But for those of you who are more electronically inclined, here is an updated list of some tools to help you get started or get better.

In The News

A board member departs.

After using the nine steps to reach financial independence, Diane Williams "gave back" by serving as Treasurer of New Road Map Foundation. Like so many before her, she's now leveraging that freedom to increase her focus on her highest values: family, and has resigned from the NRM board. Diane, on behalf of the whole community, thanks for your efforts and for championing the values of financial integrity! If you want to know more about her, go to FinancialIntegrity.org and read Diane's story.

Rolling Jubilee is back!

This time Rolling Jubilee is forgiving student debt. As you may recall, 2000 was supposed to be a jubilee year, where all debt is forgiven according to the Abrahamic religions. Yeah, right. Occupy Wall Street informed a whole new generation about this tradition and a "debt resisters" movement was launched, organized as Strike Debt!. Of course, we FI'ers have been striking our own debt for 40 years -- but have you been helping others do the same? Rolling Jubilee is a solidarity group that buys consumer debt from creditors, for pennies on the dollar, and then ABOLISHES IT. Now they're turning their sights on student debt. Watch for news September 17th.

Free Money Day is also back!

On September 15, people hand out their own money to complete strangers (two coins/notes at a time) asking the recipients to pass half on to someone else to inspire more critical and creative thinking about our relationships with money. Details at freemoneyday.org.

Facebook Highlights

The story behind one of the most popular posts on our Facebook page

A house for $1? Why not, especially if it saves the city $20,000. Thank the people of Detroit for coming up with yet another innovation. - New American Dream

The Best of Simple Living Forums

Join one of the best of the discussions.

Do you feel confident some days and other days not so confident in your living simply?

Everyone else looks so confident. Knowing what their real lives are like helps set realistic expectations. Join the discussion to add your perspective (or just read along and learn a lot.)

Question of the Month

This month's question:

Q:In addition to Financial Independence, are you also striving for food and energy self-sufficiency?

Last month's question:

Q:How do you handle Step 9 (Investing)?

A: I'm trying the "permanent portfolio" with a portion (15-20%) of my investments. The portfolio holds 25% each of stocks, bonds, gold, and cash. It is rebalanced annually. William Bernstein has a good discussion of the portfolio and it's historical performance, etc. here: http://www.efficientfrontier.com/ef/0adhoc/harry.htm

Email us your answers.

Donations

Help the world learn what you already know

You're probably more financially literate than the majority of the people on the planet. Do you want to help them learn values-based financial literacy? The more money or time that you give, the more we can do. Our wiki's Contact page has more details.

Come Join Us

Transform the World's Relationship With Money

New Road Map Foundation is a group of mostly volunteers, and one very-part-time staff person to herd the cats. We operate virtually, from our homes and offices around the US and the world. Come join us & transform the world's relationship with money. Fresh voices carry farther. We look forward to hearing from YOU about how you'd like to join in the work (fun) here.

As the "wiki" of values-based personal finance, content is constantly being updated at www.FinancialIntegrity.org. Come cruise the site for the latest entries, send us new resources you've found, and let us all know what you're doing to increase financial integrity in your lives and in the world. Contact us at info@financialintegrity.org.

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