

2023 · WHAT ISSUES SHOULD I CONSIDER DURING A RECESSION OR MARKET CORRECTION?

| CASH FLOW ISSUES | YES | NO |
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| <p>Will your cash flow be tight? If so, consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reexamine your budget looking for areas to reduce spending, especially discretionary expenses. ■ Fund any shortfalls strategically, using the most advantageous source of cash. ■ You may need to prioritize your obligations, and take advantage of opportunities to extend due dates or alter payment schedules, minimizing fees, penalties, and any negative impact upon your credit. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Do you need to review or increase your emergency fund? If so, evaluate the size of your fund and assess the number of months that it can support your living expenses.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Have you experienced a disruption in your employment? If so, and you were laid off from work through no fault of your own, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Were you planning to retire in the near future? If so, consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Review your options to make sure you are still comfortable with retiring or if you would prefer to work a little longer. ■ Review your budget, and possibly reduce spending in non-essential categories in the first few years of retirement. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Are you taking a distribution from an investment or retirement account? If so, consider the impact of changing your distribution schedule to protect accounts (defer remaining distributions until the end of the year or spread the distributions over the rest of the year).</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| ASSET & DEBT ISSUES | YES | NO |
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| <p>Do you have a mortgage or debts? If so, consider if you should refinance any debts now while interest rates are low.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Do you want to rebalance your investment and retirement accounts? If so, consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Revisit your target asset allocation and overall investment philosophy. ■ Identify holdings that you have retained only because of their low basis, and consider reducing your position while valuations are low, minimizing realized gains. ■ As always, exercise discretion and discipline, taking a long-term view and prudent action. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Do you have extra cash that is not earmarked for an upcoming expenditure? If so, consider investing it to take advantage of low valuations.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Do you typically make contributions to a traditional IRA or Roth IRA? If so, consider making a contribution now, to take advantage of low valuations.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Are you a small business owner? If so, you may be eligible for a small business loan, or other forms of federal, state, and community relief.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| TAX PLANNING ISSUES | YES | NO |
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| <p>Do you have a traditional 401(k) or IRA? If so, converting some of the assets into a Roth IRA could be beneficial while valuations are low. If you are laid off, you may have more room in your tax bracket to do Roth conversions.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Do you have any assets with a tax loss? If so, consider harvesting the loss, which could reduce your tax liability.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| LONG-TERM PLANNING ISSUES | YES | NO |
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| <p>Do you have an annual gifting strategy in place to pass assets to your heirs? If so, consider gifting assets (up to \$17,000, per person, gift tax-free) now, while valuations are low, and while support may be particularly helpful to the donee.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Are you in a position to help family members in need of financial assistance? If so, consider making intrafamilial loans when the AFR is low. This avoids gift tax, locks in a favorable interest rate for the borrower, and can act as an “advance” on an inheritance when structured with your heirs.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Do you need to update your estate plan? If so, consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Review the impact of any change in asset values upon the ultimate distribution of your estate including probate and non-probate assets. ■ Consider implementing wealth transfer techniques that take advantage of low valuations and rates (such as GRATs, CLATs, IDGTs, and private annuities). ■ Reference the “What Issues Should I Consider Before I Update My Estate Plan?” checklist. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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If Money wasn't a barrier, what would your life look like? This is a question we ask each and every client. How would you like your money to support your life? We believe that "Life is about events, supported by your dollars and cents" and at Rooted Planning Group, we know that when your roots are strong, your trunk and branches are well positioned for growth.

We want to ensure you get to that ideal life in the most graceful way possible. So you can save for that big purchase, send the kids off to college, and retire! Rooted Planning Group is a fee only planning group, so we only do what is in your best interest.

A Message from our Founder, Amy Irvine, CFP®, EA, MPAS®, CCFC

I started Rooted Planning Group out of frustration, because I really wanted to help clients build their wealth in a "different" way than the traditional wealth management firm. We are an all-female, ensemble fee-only financial planning firm, and I established our firm to always act as a fiduciary. Our services include cash flow analysis, goal planning, debt reduction and planning, student loan planning, tax planning (and preparation), education planning, investment planning, employee benefits, and risk planning.

We typically work with professional women and couples who fall in the Gen-Y, Gen-X or late-stage baby boomer age range. A fair number of our clients are lawyers, engineers, and small business owners.

It is our greatest desire to help other women feel empowered about their finances. We strive to help people grow their wealth, which sometimes means we start in the negative, with the goal of growing to the positive.

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