

## Action List for Chapter 2 – Part A: Share the Risk with a Third Party

Take some time and go through your insurance policies. Make sure they are appropriate for you, i.e. the deductible, the liability limits etc.

Go through each summary above and assess if you are exposing yourself to excess risk. Talk to a professional, but make sure you are not sold something inappropriate for you current situation.

## Action List for Chapter 2 – Part B and C: Risk Management

Every reader should look at him/herself and be very honest about how they deal with risk. Write down why you think something is so risky or, also the reverse, not risky at all. Once you have done that, think about why you perceive it that way. Write that down. Also write down whether you could possibly be mistaken and what financial gain you potentially have foregone because of that perception. Think about and write down what you can do to change it by being more educated.

## Action List for Chapter 3 – Choosing the Right Investments in the Financial Markets

These action items will differ depending on the amount of assets you can invest. If you have none, start thinking how you can start accumulating the assets.

Analyze your investment to make sure you have a well-diversified portfolio and that you have cost efficient funds.

## Action List for Chapter 4 – Looking at Alternative Investments

Think about what you would feel comfortable doing on a part-time basis. Would you enjoy having some vending machines? What would you sell? What is hot right now?

Would you be open to alternative investments? If you think that is crazy, why?

## Action List for Chapter 5 – Know Your Net Worth

Now it is time to fill out your Net Worth Statement. As mentioned, there is a sample one in the back of this book, or you can get one from my website.

Enter all data from the most recent statements. If you don't have any statements on any assets, such as real estate, be realistic in the valuation. For residential real estate, you can go to [www.zillow.com](http://www.zillow.com) in order to get some idea of what the value is. Zillow is pretty good in areas where there are quite a few transactions and if your property is not too unique.

Start filling in the data with your current net worth every quarter and your line graph will start evolving.

## Action List for Chapter 6, Part A – What Will it Take for Me to Reach Financial Freedom?

What is important to me in achieving financial freedom?

Before going into more details of retirement / financial freedom planning, I want you to stop reading and think about the following issues. Write them down.

- How much money do I truly need?
- What is more important to me: Financial Freedom or lots of money?
- Are you ready to take control of your financial life and well-being and be responsible for it?
- What will it take for me to take on this responsibility and to whom will I be accountable?

## Action List for Chapter 6, Part B – What is Retirement for You?

Let's start defining retirement personally for you. Go to the back to the action lists and start jotting them down. Doing this is very important because if you have never defined it, how do you know what you are saving for? If you are in a relationship, have your spouse do the same.

## Action List for Chapter 6, Part C – Retirement Vehicles

Go through your retirement accounts. I recommend that you combine as many as legally possible. If you have old 401(k), 403(b) etc. from prior jobs, roll them over into a Rollover IRA. You can never contribute to a Rollover IRA, but it is a place to park all your prior work retirement accounts. Start taking control there as well. Make sure they are diversified.

## Action List for Chapter 7 – Have a Budget

All I can say here: Start tracking your expenses.

Write down here what you have to change before you can start tracking your expenses.

## Action List for Chapter 8 – Uncle Sam – Income and Estate Taxes

Your income taxes might be just fine if your financial life is not very complicated. If you are unsure, talk to someone.

If your net worth is above the exemption, and you have not done anything to minimize the liability, I encourage you to talk to a professional.

Make sure all your retirement accounts have an appropriate beneficiary.

## Action List for Chapter 9 – Protect Your Estate and Your Dependents

Double-check with your documents to make sure you have the appropriate documents. If you are missing something, get it in order.

# Action List for Chapter 10 – Plan for Your Own Education and Your Children’s Education

## Your Own Education

The first step is to start writing down what you would like to learn, to get better at. Maybe you would like a knitting class, take a seminar, go to a yoga retreat.

## Your Children’s Education

Do some estimation on your children’s college costs. Maybe talk to parents and grandparents about it. Start making a list. There is much help in estimating college costs on various websites, including the ones I recommended.

## Action List for Chapter 11 – Your Attitude toward Money – Your Mindset

Think about what is holding you back and write everything down. Talk to your significant other about it; it will help a lot being somewhat on the same page. This is one of the action lists that is certainly a work in progress and can be merged with the first part of the following chapter.

## Action List for Chapter 12 – Couples

Let's have both of you write down what you think are your strengths and weaknesses regarding finances as well as the ones of your partner. Then also write down what you think your partner could contribute to the financial well-being. Make sure this does not become a blaming game, but the start of a constructive conversation.

If it works well in your relationship, you can think about how to improve it.

## Action List for Chapter 12 – Families / Children

Write down what you as a family can do to better prepare your children. If you don't think you are capable of doing it yourself, talk to other parents and find a solution. This could be by families doing something together or to look at classes. This will be so valuable for your kids and a worthwhile investment.

## Action List for Chapter 13 – Goals

Writing down goals often cannot be accomplished in just one sitting. Start jotting down dreams that have been in your head for a long time but never put on paper as the start of your written goals.

Split up the goals between short-term and long-term goals.

Over time, feel free to consolidate or adjust the goals until you have clarity. Communicating with your spouse is an absolute must as hopefully your goals will be similar.

Then go for it and realize them!

## Action List for Chapter 14 – Have Your Own Small Business – Full Time or Part Time

Write down what you would like to do. If you don't know, start talking to friends, go to small business events and see what is out there.

If you own a small business already, think about what you could do to systemize it more. If you are one of them who are owned by their business, and you know who you are, ask yourself what can be changed to free up your life and potentially make it more valuable to sell and cash out down the road.