Thirteen Point Retire Ready Checklist

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To Do	Done		
		1.	Create your Net Worth Statement.
		2.	Develop a budget of core and discretionary expenses, then live it for 6-12 months. <i>Tip: Use a bank that tracks spending automatically</i>
		3.	Go to your Employer Benefit website and print off estimates of your pension at different ages.
		4.	Pay-off your high interest rate credit card debt and develop a debt management plan. Live it.
		5.	If you plan to work in a new job, develop skills required. Begin to interview 90 days before your target retirement date.
		6.	Get any surgeries/health issues corrected/done while you are still on company health care.
		7.	Evaluate your risk tolerance. Then build a diversified portfolio consistent with your risk profile.
		8.	Reposition assets if needed so you have 12 months living expenses in an emergency fund. Hold four years of planned withdraws in an income fund and link to bank account.
		9.	Get educated. Attend company workshops to better understand your pension and retirement health benefits.
		10.	Review Life Insurance/Long Term Care Insurance to determine insurability, costs and whether it fits your planning.
		11.	Develop a monthly income plan. Know where income will come from on a sustainable basis.
		12.	Review and update your Estate Plan, especially if it is more than five years old. Update your Durable Power of Attorney, Living Will, Beneficiaries and Deeds.
		13.	Get a 2nd opinion from a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional for a comprehensive, objective and professional opinion.