

How to Stretch Your Nest Egg

Daniel Krug offers WDIV viewers tips on how to maximize their retirement savings

As the baby boomer demographic hits retirement, living the "golden years" off an accumulated nest egg is a concern for a growing number of working people. Daniel Krug of Clarkston-based Daniel Krug & Associates is here today to provide us with some information of what people who are nearing retirement or about to retire can do to stretch their money.

Jeff Vaughn: What is a quick way people getting ready for retirement can gauge if they have enough saved for retirement or not?

Daniel Krug: You need to calculate what your savings needs are to determine what you will need when you retire. Only 7 in 10 workers today are even saving for retirement and only 42% have attempted to calculate their savings needs.

Jeff Vaughn: If retirement is only a few years off, what should the average person be doing at this point?

Daniel Krug: They need to determine their objectives. What type lifestyle do they want to have and what financial resources do they have as they approach retirement. Proper retirement planning requires a comprehensive strategy and it is imperative for people to look at all aspects of their finances, from spending needs, investment growth strategies, tax and probate avoidance.

Jeff Vaughn: With all the retirement vehicles out there how does one know which is right for them?

Daniel Krug: As you know, there are many types of retirement programs. You have IRA's, Roth IRA's, defined benefit plans and pensions to name a few. Each of them will allow your investments to grow about the same. The key here is how the investment will be taxed when you add to and withdraw from the program. At retirement, it is wise to have options on how your money will be taxed when you pull the money out. Having several strategies will give you options to reduce taxes down the road.

Jeff Vaughn: With all the complexity in creating a plan for yourself where does the average person go for help?

Daniel Krug: If you are a do it yourselfer there are countless books on retirement that can assist you. What I have found though is that it is not enough to know what planning techniques are available, retirees must know what works for them individually so they can maximize their nest egg to fit their needs and lifestyle. I have found that most people can benefit from the advise and guidance of a well trusted financial and estate planning advisor. Not just someone who invests your money, but one that truly digs into all aspects of your estate to create a long term plan that is right for you.

How to Stretch your nest egg:

- Calculate your needs
- Determine your objectives in retirement
 - Know what works for you
- Develop a strategy and stick to it



To learn more about managing your retirement savings, please call Daniel Krug at **(248) 625-2788** or log onto **www.danielkrugassociates.com**