

Setting priorities can help you juggle your financial goals

When it comes to financial planning, it's all about setting goals. The trick is to learn how to juggle long-term goals like retirement with short- and medium-term goals such as purchasing a home or paying for children's college tuition—while taking into account your personal priorities, economic circumstances and stage of life. Take some time to jot down the goals you have, placing them under the appropriate time horizon. To help you get started, some examples are below:

SHORT-TERM GOALS (within 5 years) Take a vacation Save for down payment on house	MEDIUM-TERM GOALS (5 to 10 years away) Go back to school Support aging parent	LONG-TERM GOALS (10 or more years away) Retire before age 65 (or full ret. age) Buy retirement property
Buy a new car Build an emergency fund	Pay for child's college education Remodel your house Buy a vacation home	Help children with down payment on home