

Money Talked About

Reconsidering the Role of Money in Retirement

The philosopher Seneca once suggested that when too much honor is given to money, the things of real value can fade into the background. For many people approaching retirement, his point feels timely.

After years of working and planning, retirement invites an important question: What matters most now? Financial resources remain essential for healthcare, stability, and lifestyle choices—but money alone doesn't define a fulfilling retirement.

Today's conversations often center on income or net worth, and while financial security is important, it can sometimes overshadow the broader purpose of our savings. The financial industry influences markets and investment options in many ways, and outcomes vary. For retirees, staying informed helps ensure that financial decisions support personal priorities.

Seneca's reminder encourages a shift in perspective. Retirement is a chance to align resources with what truly adds meaning—time with family, personal interests, community involvement, or maintaining well-being. By keeping both finances and values in focus, retirees can navigate this next chapter with clarity and confidence.

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