

Here is the fourth email (in our series of seven emails) on the important topic of the realities we will all face in retirement. If you have already retired, we hope these messages will still be of help, as you are already living the realities.

Most economists agree that rising inflation is a matter of if, not when. Sooner or later, the country's hundreds of billions of dollars of stimulus spending will significantly reduce the buying power of the greenback.

Right now, inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, is at a moderate level: The index rose 2.7% in March (2012) compared with a year earlier. But even "moderate" inflation can seriously corrode your spending power. If inflation runs at its historical average of 3% per year going forward, the goods and services that currently cost you \$100,000 annually will, just 10 years from now, cost you \$134,000.

Clearly, it's critical to include inflation-fighting investments in your portfolio. That's where my experience as a financial advisor comes in, helping clients preserve the buying power of their savings is one of my main goals. At our next meeting, let me know if you'd like to discuss how your portfolio is protected against inflation.

If there is someone you think would benefit from these short, educational e-mails, let us know and we will be happy to include them in the distribution of this information. Just click "Tell A Friend" at <http://www.cmackenzie123.com> .

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