

Florida Member Puts His Words Where His Wallet Is

# A Book of His Own

*As told to Angele McQuade by Laurick Ingram of South Florida.*

I first learned of BetterInvesting in the late '90s from member Ann McNeill. Back then, you had to go to the library, pull the company's financials and fill out the Stock Selection Guide with a pencil. It was time-consuming and tedious, and I quickly petered out. I took another look in 2010, when information could be populated automatically online (thank you, Lord!).

**W**ith my computer doing most of the heavy lifting, analyzing stocks became much easier. I soon joined

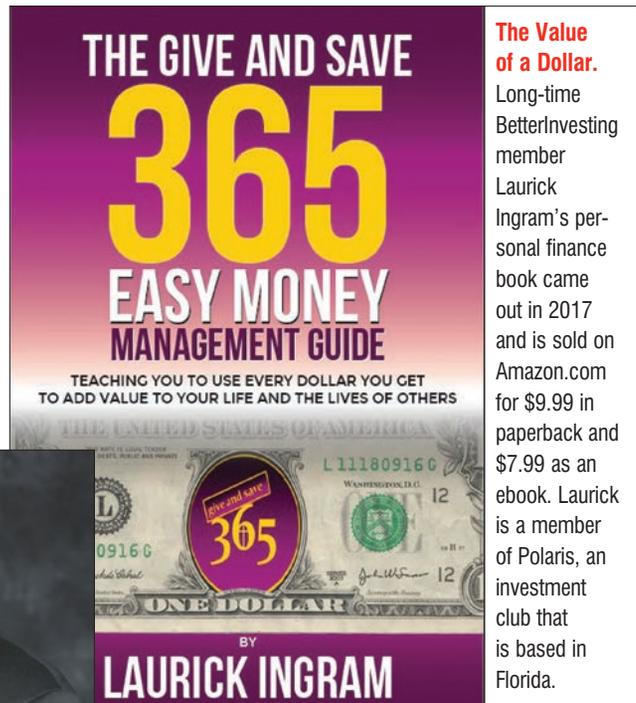
Polaris, an investment club that met 90 miles away. I was willing to make the drive to surround myself with people better at investing than I was.

I grew up poor, the last of 11 children. We lived in the government housing projects and my mom was on welfare. People helped my mom and did not judge her, which is why I have it in my heart to help others. Because I'm good with money, people often ask how they can get better, but most never follow through on my advice.

I'm a firm believer that small things done can be better than great things planned, so I decided to write down advice that could be started immediately. My book, "The Give and Save 365 Easy Money Management Guide" (available on Amazon), presents a financial plan that can be learned in 5 minutes. "Give and Save 365" makes success immediate and continuous. Nothing feeds success like success.

Writing and publishing a book was a lifelong dream. My book even recently appeared on the Jumbotron in Times Square! I have a few other big dreams: make The New York Times best-seller list; build a multimillion-dollar foundation dedicated to teaching financial literacy, philanthropy and physical fitness; and pay off my church. My wife, Kim, and I are some of our church's founding members. It's a big church, but I'd like to see it paid off before we hand it over to the next generation.

Kim and I have been married 28 years. We have two sons: Joshua, 24, and Jawanza, 21. Probably the most



## The Value of a Dollar.

Long-time BetterInvesting member Laurick Ingram's personal finance book came out in 2017 and is sold on Amazon.com for \$9.99 in paperback and \$7.99 as an ebook. Laurick is a member of Polaris, an investment club that is based in Florida.

intensely gratifying times in my life were watching my sons being born. I was there for both. It was great.

I'm blessed to currently live a comfortable lifestyle. I have a nice home, I volunteer and donate money to causes I care about, and I wake up excited about what the day ahead holds in store.

I like spending holidays with my family — we usually have more than 50 people over for Christmas dinner — and traveling, but by far my greatest adventure is learning. I love learning. Investing is fun for me and I like learning new ways to do it. One of the greatest roadblocks to good money management is just getting started.

I know some suggest paying off all your debts or having money saved first, but I'd rather you invest \$100 right away, because you'll start learning right away. Start small right now and build on it, instead of waiting years until you think you're ready. **B**

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