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Real Estate Investment Foundations

Building Intergenerational Wealth Through Strategic Real Estate

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A Letter From Victor

Welcome — and thank you for downloading this guide.

If you're reading this, you've already taken a step that most people never take. You're seeking knowledge before taking action. That alone puts you ahead of the curve.

I built Envision Management Company on a single conviction: **real estate is the most reliable vehicle for building wealth that outlasts a single generation.** Stocks come and go. Currencies inflate. Companies fail. But land — well-chosen, well-managed real estate — has been quietly compounding for centuries.

I'm a Navy veteran, a UNC Kenan-Flagler graduate in Finance and Real Estate, and I spend my days at a Big 4 accounting firm in Enterprise Risk Management — specifically in mortgage lending and Bank Securities Act compliance for Fortune 100 banks. I see how money moves at scale every single day.

And I've built Envision because I saw a gap: most families don't have a plan for intergenerational wealth. They have insurance, maybe a 401(k), maybe a will. But no real infrastructure for the wealth itself to outlast them.

This guide is the foundation. It won't make you a real estate expert. But it will give you the four-step framework I teach every client, the difference between active and passive investment strategies, and the five mistakes that derail most new investors before they ever close their first deal.

Read it. Take notes. And when you're ready for the next step — whether that's deeper market intelligence, a specific opportunity, or a conversation about your situation — I'm here.

— Victor

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What You'll Learn

- **The Intergenerational Wealth Problem** — why most families never build wealth that lasts
- **The 4-Step Foundation Framework** — Seek Knowledge, Study, Visualize, Take Action
- **Active vs. Passive Real Estate Investment** — what each looks like and which suits you
- **The 5 Mistakes New Investors Make** — patterns I've seen sink hundreds of investors
- **What Comes Next** — your roadmap from here
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"Funding your future through active and passive investment strategies."

— *Envision Management Company*

The Intergenerational Wealth Problem

Why most family wealth never makes it to the third generation

There's a saying that haunts every wealth manager in America: ***shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves in three generations***. It means the family that builds wealth in generation one watches the family that inherits it lose 70% of it by generation two. By generation three, 90% of family wealth is gone.

This isn't a curse. It's a lack of infrastructure.

The first generation builds wealth through entrepreneurship, real estate, professional income, or business ownership. They had to learn the hard way. The second generation inherits the assets but rarely the discipline. The third generation rarely even knows what their grandparents built.

What's missing? Three things:

- 1. The wealth itself isn't structured to outlast a single owner.** Cash gets spent. Stocks get sold. But real estate, if held in the right legal structure, can pass through generations with continuous cash flow and appreciation.
- 2. The family doesn't have a shared philosophy.** Without an explicit operating framework — a JR Method, if you will — each generation reinvents the wheel.
- 3. The next generation isn't trained.** They inherit assets without the education to steward them.

Real estate solves the first problem better than any other asset class. The right framework solves the second. And education — like what you're doing right now — solves the third.

That's why this guide exists.

The 4-Step Foundation Framework

At Envision Management Company we operate on a single principle: **Each One Teach One**. We pass forward what we know. The framework below is the starting point — every client, every investor, every conversation begins here.

Step 1: Seek Knowledge

Before you put a dollar into a deal, understand the asset class. Real estate is broad — single-family residential, multi-family, commercial, industrial, land, and dozens of specialized niches. Each has its own economics, risk profile, and operational demands. You're not looking to become an expert in all of them. You're looking to find one or two you understand deeply.

Reading this guide counts. Keep going.

Step 2: Study

Knowledge becomes useful only when you study specific markets and specific deals. A great asset class in the wrong market loses money. A weak asset class in the right market can make you wealthy. Studying means: pulling actual deal data, running pro formas, walking properties, talking to local operators. It's slow, unglamorous work. And it's where most people quit.

Step 3: Visualize

Before you transact, picture the ten-year hold. What does this property look like in year three when a tenant breaks the lease? Year five when interest rates have moved? Year ten when you exit? Investors who skip visualization make decisions they can't live with later. The exercise is uncomfortable on purpose — it surfaces the failure modes early.

Step 4: Take Action

Education without action is a hobby. At some point — informed, patient, with eyes open — you commit. That commitment can take many forms: buying your first single-family rental, investing passively in a syndication, partnering with an experienced operator, or building a portfolio over decades. The form matters less than the commitment.

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Active vs. Passive Real Estate Investment

Once you've decided real estate belongs in your portfolio, the next decision is **how involved you want to be**. There are two primary paths.

Active Investment

What it looks like: You buy properties directly. You're the landlord, the asset manager, the decision-maker. You sign the loan, sign the leases, handle (or hire) property management. You're operating a real estate business.

What you gain:

- Maximum upside — you keep all the cash flow and appreciation
- Direct control over decisions and timing
- Tax advantages including depreciation and 1031 exchanges
- Skills that compound — every deal teaches you the next one

What it costs:

- Time — substantially more than most people anticipate
- Capital concentration — most active investors own 1-5 properties, not a diversified portfolio
- Operational headaches — vacancies, repairs, tenants, regulations

Best fit: investors with time, appetite for learning, and at least \$50K-\$100K of capital to deploy on a first deal.

Passive Investment

What it looks like: You invest capital alongside an experienced operator who does the actual work. Common structures include private syndications, real estate funds, and operator partnerships. You contribute capital, the operator contributes expertise and execution. You're a limited partner, not the manager.

What you gain:

- Diversification — your capital can spread across many deals

- Professional management — operators have specialization you don't
- Leverage their relationships — access to deals retail investors never see
- Time freedom — you keep your day job

What it costs:

- Reduced upside — operators take fees and a share of profits (often 20-30%)
- Less control — operator decisions, not yours
- Operator risk — your returns depend on their execution
- Often requires accredited investor status (income or net worth thresholds)

Best fit: high-income professionals, business owners, or anyone who values their time more than maximum returns on a single deal.

Most experienced investors do both. They start active to learn, then layer in passive investments to diversify and reclaim their time as their portfolio grows.

The 5 Mistakes New Investors Make

Across years of advising clients, partnering with operators, and watching deals close and fail, I've seen the same five mistakes derail new investors over and over. Most of them are emotional, not technical.

Mistake #1: Falling in love with a property

Your first investment property is not your home. The numbers either work or they don't. Investors who choose properties based on aesthetic appeal — instead of cap rate, cash-on-cash return, and rent comps — almost always overpay.

Mistake #2: Ignoring the market thesis

A property in a declining market is a depreciating asset, no matter how good the deal looks today. Before evaluating any specific property, you should be able to articulate in 60 seconds why the **market** is good. Population growth, employment growth, wage growth, rent growth, supply constraints — these are the foundations.

Mistake #3: Underestimating the capital stack

First-time investors plan for the down payment and forget everything else. Closing costs, due diligence costs, immediate repairs, vacancy reserves, capital expenditure reserves, and operational reserves can add 25-40% on top of the down payment. Run out of capital mid-project, and good deals turn into forced sales.

Mistake #4: Mistaking activity for progress

Some investors spend a year reading books, attending seminars, and listening to podcasts — and call it 'doing real estate.' Others put \$10K into a poorly-vetted syndication after a 30-minute call and call it 'taking action.' Neither builds wealth. Disciplined study followed by disciplined action does.

Mistake #5: Trying to do it alone

Real estate is a relationship business. Brokers, lenders, attorneys, accountants, contractors, property managers, fellow investors — every one of them is part of your infrastructure. Investors who try to operate without this network either move too slowly to capture opportunities or make expensive mistakes that experienced peers would have flagged.

What Comes Next

You've now got the foundations. The next move depends on where you are.

If you're researching specific markets:

I publish proprietary market intelligence on Mobile, Alabama — one of the most overlooked tax-delinquent property markets in the Southeast. The **Mobile Alabama Real Estate Investment Report** (\$97) is a 30+ page deep dive on tax-delinquent properties, neighborhood-level analysis, the buying process, risk factors, and capital strategies. Every report buyer also receives a complimentary 30-minute coaching session with me.

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Envision Management Company specializes in Intergenerational Wealth Strategy — helping clients build legacies that outlast a single owner through structured real estate investment, succession planning, and operator relationships.

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