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Don't forget to think

In this era of fear over the global economy, escalating national debt and the rich becoming extremely so, we are helped by remaining rational and in tune with our mission and values. Panic, fear and anger might be understandable, but they will not be helpful.

Gary Moore has been a consistent guiding voice through it all, helping sane leaders get underneath the alarmist voices to information that can guide an organization or a people or a household forward. Some of his work can be found at: www.financialseminary.org.

We have used this column to the same effect, especially in helping leaders understand that two or more contradictory economic trends can be true. It is possible, for instance, for simultaneous:

- increased personal bankruptcies
- increased saving rates
- increased reduction of credit card debt
- increased levels of credit card balances

It is also possible for the rich to get richer at the expense of the rest of us, even as the global population increases in prosperity as a whole. The *Economist,* in particular, provides consistent information in this regard.

It is a leader's responsibility to provide calm, balanced perspective and accurate information, always read to sharpen their perspective when more light is shed on an issue. In these troubled times let's not forget to breathe. And let's also not forget to think.

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