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5 Stock Tips You Meet in Heaven

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Set aside any celestial seasonings that you may be expecting here. I can't offer you any form of fiscal salvation. There is no foolproof way to double your portfolio's value overnight, beyond depositing cash in the amount of your current portfolio into your brokerage account.

Thankfully, I'm loaded with other morsels of advice. I'll teach you how to prioritize your assets. I'll lend you a shoulder to cry on. I will even offer up a few stock ideas that I think will thrive. I can't save your soul, but if my aim is true, I may be able to save your portfolio.

Tip No. 1: Learn to dance in the rain

Tip No. 2: Prioritize your portfolio

Tip No. 3: Rob a bank, legally

Tip No. 4: Expand your range

Tip No. 5: Look before you leap, but leap Maybe stocks head lower this month, making the market's bargains even cheaper. Maybe they don't. You don't have to rush your entry points. You do, however, have to rush to start your due diligence so you know exactly what you're getting yourself into.

The markdowns are everywhere. Even gurus have been [burned](#) with the steep selloffs that took place in 2006. The worst of the carnage took place in the growth stock sector. Take a look at two of last year's picks in the [Motley Fool Rule Breakers](#) newsletter service that have surrendered losses.

Recommended Picks	Issue	Decline
PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy (AMEX: PBW)	4/2006	14%
Intuitive Surgical (Nasdaq: ISRG)	3/20	8%

These aren't perfect picks. PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy is an exchange-traded fund that is suffering from a lull in investor interest on environmental plays. Then we have Intuitive Surgical. The maker of robotic surgical arms that is revolutionizing operating rooms has more than doubled off the newsletter's original 2005 recommendation, but it has meandered since its latest re-recommendation.

You may like your growth stocks with fewer blemishes. I hear you. Dig deep, and you will find quality companies that have shed 20% to 30% of their value with fewer hurdles to clear before they can regain their stride. The point is that now is the time to arm yourself with the knowledge of the stocks that will make up your portfolio in a few weeks.

Five tips later, it's all on you Is that it? That's it. There is sweetness when the market is sour. There is shuffling and reshuffling to be done in your portfolio. You've got the money, somewhere. You've got the golden opportunity to broaden your investments. You've got the time to do it right.

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