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The Best Investor I Know

When most people talk about investments, they mention a stock that went up a lot. They don't talk about their overall strategy and whether it served their purposes. They are excited about their winners and hide their losers. They are proud of their brilliance and ashamed of their mistakes. And nearly everything they do and think about regarding investing is accidental, irrelevant and wrong. What counts is whether your financial strategy works for you. Usually, this involves unexciting and unheroic things like minimizing taxes, saving as much as you can, figuring out and maintaining the proper asset allocation, utilizing the proper retirement vehicles and being patient. The best investor I know did many of these things right. He didn't do anything 100 percent. But he did put much of his portfolio in broad based mutual funds. He never worried about relative performance. He didn't concern himself with exciting stories to tell at parties. He was patient and content to let his holdings grow over decades. He rarely second-guessed his decisions and didn't make shifts in positions unless he had to. In the end, this has led him to a comfortable retirement with no money concerns while flashier investors have been left in the dust.

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