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Thread: [What's one thing you wish you knew five years ago?](#)

Jinu - October 12, 2026, 10:53 am

Hello, everyone.

Looking back, there are probably so many things we would do differently if we knew then what we know now. Could be about money, relationships, work, or just life in general.

For me, it's learning not to overthink everything and realizing that not everyone deserves my time and energy.

What about you guys? What's one lesson you wish you'd learned earlier?

Sift - October 12, 2026, 10:55 am

Not caring what other's think about me and putting my energy towards people not worthy off it.

Infinity. - October 12, 2026, 12:24 pm

Save your goddamn money.

oRequiem - October 12, 2026, 2:15 pm

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Jinu - October 12, 2026, 6:46 pm

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oRequiem - October 12, 2026, 6:47 pm

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oRequiem - October 12, 2026, 7:00 pm

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Yeah man, maybe one day we'll get out ahead.

Charlie Sheen - October 12, 2026, 8:36 pm

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Charlie Sheen - October 13, 2026, 3:05 am

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Shouldn't even have homeowners associations. I get they police the community to keep property values up but there needs to be a better way.

sharn - October 18, 2026, 2:07 am

I wish I could know the result before placing a bet.

Life would be easier, but nobody can predict every outcome.