# Cornerstone 2 Money Management

# The next cornerstone we need to look at is Money Management

# Or the fine art of managing your trading bank

It's a simple process to get

right but so easy to neglect if

you don't stay on the ball

### There are 2 phases...

### Phase 1 = Survive

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"Survive? I thought we were

here to make a fortune!"

# Your fortune will come in its own time but your <u>first priority</u> is to stay in the game!

## It's all about protecting your trading bank from over-

exposure

Remember how we agreed that consistent profits will come from a random pattern of winning and losing trades?

Well, you never know what the market will serve up next – will it be a profit or will it be a losing trade?

Good money management is all about allocating a small fraction of your account on any one trade

# You need to make sure a string of losing trades can't do catastrophic damage to your account

Let's say you had a tough

couple of days and took 5

losing trades on the run...

(It can happen from time to time and it's nothing to worry about when you manage your money properly)

## your account and you risked

Now let's say you had £1000 in

£200 on each of those trades

# blown your account up. You're down to zero

Bad luck! You've just

# portion of your account on each trade...

But what if you risked a small

# while but never enough to risk damaging your account

**Enough to make it worth your** 

What if you risked 3% of your

account on each trade?

Yes, you'd take a bit of a poke

in the eye with the 5 losing

trades

You'd be down to around £850

But you'd still have plenty of powder left in your keg ready for the winning trade which is inevitably around the corner

## That's the way to manage your money on these trades I'll be showing you

I suggest you limit your exposure on each trade to around 3% of your overall account

# And you might scale that back to 2% or 1.5% as your account grows

That will come down to your

own appetite for risk

# And by working like this you'll be letting the power of compounding go to work for you too!

## on your first trade = £30

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# And you locked onto a good opportunity – it returned 7 times your £30 risk...

### A profit of £210

# £1,210 so your next trade would be sized like this...

Your bank now stands at

## £1,210/100 = £12.10 (1%) £12.10 x 3 = £36.30 (3%)

Can you see how quickly your account could grow when your profits are fed back into the 'machine'?

Did you know that a start bank of £1,000 would stand at £21,000 by the end of year 2 if you averaged one profit of 3% each week?

And remember many of these trades I'll show you how to find will return 2, 3, 10 times that initial 3% amount you risk - the potential is enormous

That's how Phase 2 of money management - Prospering automatically comes as a result of your careful risk management

## **Key Point: limit each trade to** risk only 3% of your current trading bank

### Let's have a quick overview of Methods next...