Money Never Dies

What if your money could keep paying your family an income — even after you're gone? The idea behind income that outlives its owner.

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There are two kinds of money in this world. The first kind works only as long as you do: a salary, a business income, commissions. The day you stop — through retirement, illness or death — it stops with you. The second kind is rarer and far more valuable: money that has been converted into an engine, built to keep paying an income whether you are present or not.

Most families own plenty of the first kind and almost none of the second. That is why the loss of a breadwinner is so often a financial catastrophe on top of a personal one — not because the family had no money, but because all of it was the kind that dies.

> *“The question is not how much money you leave behind. It is whether the money keeps working after you stop.”*

How exposed are most families?

The honest answer: very. The RinggitPlus Malaysian Financial Literacy Survey found in 2023 that 67% of Malaysians said their emergency savings would last three months or less; by the 2024 edition, still only 39% said they could survive four months or more without income. In other words, for most households, if the income stops, the money stops within a single school term.

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of Malaysians' emergency savings last 3 months or less (RMFLS 2023)	could survive 4+ months without income (RMFLS 2024)	of money: income that stops with you — and income that doesn't

The idea: turn capital into an income engine

“Money never dies” is not a slogan about being rich. It is a design principle: take part of the wealth you accumulate during your working years and convert it into a structure that pays a recurring income by contract — an income that does not depend on your health, your employment, or your presence.

An engine like this has three useful properties. First, it is predictable: the income arrives on schedule, in good markets and bad. Second, it is directable: while you are alive, you choose whether to spend the income, reinvest it to grow the engine, or redirect it — to a child's education, to a parent's care. Third, and most importantly, it is transferable: structured properly, the engine itself can pass to your family, so the income continues for them.

What it looks like in practice

HOW THE CONCEPT BECOMES A PLAN

PRUElite Flex — a lifetime income engine

PRUElite Flex, from Prudential Assurance Malaysia, is an insurance plan built exactly on this idea: after your premium commitment, it pays a guaranteed annual income (“FlexIncome”) every year, up to age 100, plus a maturity benefit. Each year you choose — take the income as cash, or leave it to accumulate and compound. Combined with life protection and a proper nomination, the structure is designed so the plan and its income can continue for your family. Exact income amounts, terms and conditions are shown in your personal Sales Illustration — which I will always walk through with you, guaranteed and non-guaranteed values clearly separated.

The honest trade-offs

No engine is free. Building one means committing capital over a period of years — money that must be affordable and must not compete with your emergency fund or your protection needs. Guaranteed income is, by nature, more modest than what a risky investment might produce in a good year; that is the price of certainty. And an engine takes time to build: the earlier it starts, the more life it has to outlive yours.

This is why on MyVintej I always say: concepts before products. If the idea of income that outlives its owner makes sense for your family, then we look at your numbers — using my Wealth Planning Cashflow System — and only then at the instrument.

Three questions to ask yourself

» If my income stopped this month, how many months would my family's current money last?

» Of everything I own, how much is the kind of money that keeps paying — and how much stops with me?

» Who exactly would receive my money, and would it arrive as a durable income or a one-time sum?

Let's talk about your numbers

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