

Using the TEN WEEKS Tutorial CD's & Webinar Series with Quicken® March, 2010 Update

Dear TEN WEEKS User:

You may wonder how all the changes in Quicken® affect the Webinar series that is part of the TEN WEEKS Program. I hope to answer that question in the next few paragraphs. The Ten Weeks Tutorial CD's in the inside covers of your Guidebook, are referenced from within the Webinar Series. Even if you choose not to use the Webinar Sessions, I highly recommend you insert the Tutorial CD's and listen to the introductory video at the beginning of each chapter, and the conclusion video at the end of each chapter. The Quicken® screen shots on the CD's are those of Quicken® Deluxe 2004, so watch you see on the tutorials, will differ in many instances from the screen shots within Quicken® 2010.

Each year, Intuit, Inc. – the makers of Quicken®, change certain features in the program. Some years the changes are more significant than others, but in general the program works the same way it has over the last 6 years since I first released the TEN WEEKS Program and my original Tutorial CD's.

My latest printed and Web update was to Quicken® Deluxe 2007 for Windows. As of Spring, 2010, Intuit will no longer support downloads of financial data using this version of the program, so users will be required to update to Quicken® 2010.

My recommendation is that new users to Quicken® 2010 simply use the setup screens within the program to download their financial data. Once it comes time to create financial reports, I suggest that TEN WEEKS users watch Webinar Sessions 19-21 for guidance in making the financial reports more meaningful than the automatic reports generated by Quicken®.

Also please keep in mind that, even though some of the screens may not look exactly the same, Quicken® still works basically the same as it always has. The specific guidance in the Webinars, listed topically on the index, can be very valuable in navigating some normal confusion that comes with using the program to manage one's finances. I encourage TEN WEEKS users to refer to these sessions when they find themselves a bit confused.

Also, please keep in mind that the first 9 Webinar Sessions help you get an overview of your financial situation through the use of the "Ahoj, Money!" Aliveguide as well as the use of the 3 Binders introduced in the Weeks One and Two Appendix. I recommend that these Sessions be utilized in building a firm financial foundation for your life.

Webinar numbers 9 through 23 offer specific guidance as to how to use Quicken® Deluxe 2007 in creating a budget and an Authentic Money Guide (personal financial plan). As noted above, there may be some Webinar screens that differ from what you see within Quicken® 2010, but those changes are usually quite easy to figure out.

Webinar Session 22 is extremely useful in showing you how to use the Quicken® Planner to run financial scenarios that become the core of learning to give money your attention rather than your energy.

Thank you for taking the time to better understand how the resources within the TEN WEEKS program have been developed over the years and can best be utilized as of 2010. Gratefully,

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