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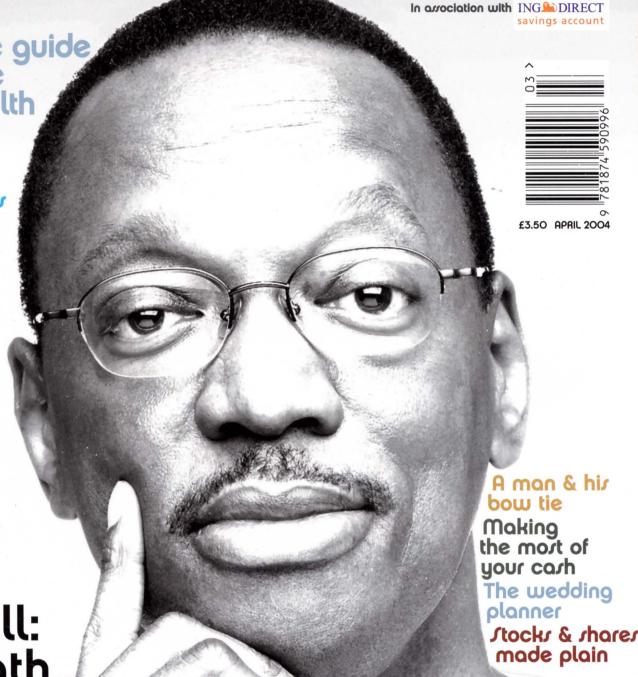
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"Don't you get frustrated by the people on your television show? Sometimes don't you just want to grab them by the shoulders and shake them?" These are the two questions that I am asked most frequently during interviews and by people on the street. Interestingly, these two questions have surpassed the perennial, "Doesn't it bother you when people come up to you to talk about money?" The honest answer to all three queries is simply "no."

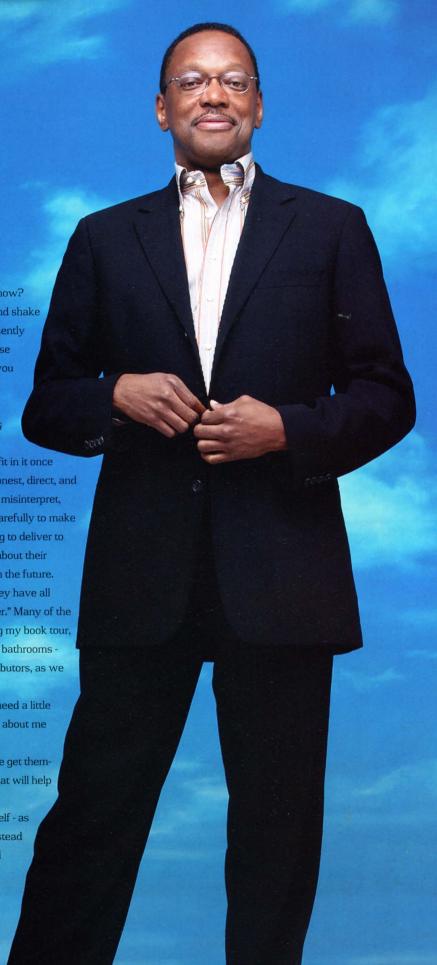
My objective has always been to make the information being presented understandable to the person who must use it when implementing my plan. I try not to be judgmental; I see no benefit in it once the person has acknowledged that they need help. I try to be honest, direct, and clear. I want to leave as little room as possible for the person to misinterpret, especially emotionally, what I am saying. I choose my words carefully to make the person receptive to and accepting of the message I am trying to deliver to them. My goal is to motivate them, to make them feel positive about their abilities to achieve the goal they set for themselves today and in the future.

The same objectives shape the articles in this magazine. They have all been written with an awareness of "the reader over my shoulder." Many of the questions people have asked me away from the camera - during my book tour, in restaurants, in airports, on trains, on streets, and, yes, even in bathrooms - were in the back of my, and also in the minds of the other contributors, as we selected the topics and wrote the articles.

And while money, especially debt, is a serious topic, we all need a little relief from its rigours. Hence, I've included some lighter articles about me and some cultural topics related to money.

I hope this issue continues to demystify money, to help people get themselves out of debt, and to guide people toward those decisions that will help them create more stable and prosperous financial futures - for themselves and their families. In short, I want you to help yourself - as I have done for myself. Let this issue spur you to take action, instead of just think about doing something. The key to a bright financial future is to be prudent, thoughtful, and self-aware. Start being proactive today ... and, please, don't be afraid to ask for help!

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