Trader Psychology and its Effects

Mastering Your Emotions
Trading Mindset/Discipline



► Trader Emotions

- Greed
 - ☐ An inordinate or insatiable longing for material gain
- Fear
 - A distressing emotion aroused by impending danger, evil, pain, etc., whether the threat is real or imagined; the feeling or condition of being afraid
- ☐ Regret/Remorse
 - A negative conscious and emotional reaction to one's personal decision-making, a choice resulting in action or inaction

Emotional Causation/Examples

Greed Trade bigger for faster gains Trade more frequently for faster gains Not take profits to obtain bigger gains Wait to take losses hoping that losses will turn into gains Fear Take profits too early Not trading thinking you will lose Not taking a loss hoping that the market will come back Regret Negative thoughts due to previous big or multiple losses Lack of confidence

Recipe for Overcoming

- Greed/Fear
 - ☐ Trade very small until profitable 70% of the time
 - ☐ Establish trade size based on account size
 - Review trade plan daily to ensure you're are sticking to it
- ☐ Regret/Remorse
 - Walk away for a few days to clear your head
 - Establish a no quit attitude
 - ☐ Remind yourself that others have done it and so can you

Trader Mindset/Discipline

- Commit yourself to having the right mindset
- Define your morning routine
- Study the markets before trading
- Understand news events that may affect the trading day
- ☐ Be knowledgeable about what you are trading
- ☐ Know max loss and max gain
- ☐ Know how to enter and exit your trades
- ☐ Imagine Winning
- ☐ Imagine Losing
- ☐ Remind yourself that it's real money



► Trader Mindset

- Observe the Habits of Successful Traders
- Practice, Practice, Practice
- Observe Your Progress Over Time
- ☐ Controlling Your Trading Psychology After Losses
- Stick With Your Trading Plan
- ☐ Follow Stock Market Trends
- Importance of Stop Orders and Mental Stops
- Be Disciplined and Never Stop Learning

