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Infinite Banking: Policy *Loops*, Not Slogans

Banking on yourself is a headline; banking on audited cashflows is a system—know which one you paid for.

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Whole Life / *Policy Loops* /

The Infinite Banking meme points at a real structure: cash value, policy loans, and long-duration guarantees. It must still pass first principles,

entropy analysis of fees, robustness tests for liquidity, and inversion pre-mortems—because complexity without edge is expensive theater.

1. Policy as *Module*

The **Infinite Banking** idea points at a real structure: whole life cash value, guaranteed elements, policy loans, and a death benefit. Treat it like any long-duration asset—model premiums as flows and cash value as accumulating stock in the sense of Stock vs. Flow, and treat loans as claims that reshape both.

Reject slogan-level planning. Compare opportunity cost against brokerage, debt paydown, or business reinvestment inside your actual edge—Pareto thinking: premiums should fund your vital few, not your vanity.

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2. Loans, Dividends, and *Second Orders*

Policy loans are not free liquidity; they shift interest expense and future flexibility. Pair with second-order effects: lower basis paths, surrender charges, and what happens if dividends underperform for half a decade.

3. Estate and *Liquidity*

Death benefit can solve estate tax liquidity when structured cleanly—often alongside trusts. That is a different job than "replace my emergency fund," and the architecture should say which job is primary.

WHOLE-LIFE SANITY PASS

01

Name the primary job

Estate liquidity, forced savings, business collateral, legacy—pick one winner.

02

Baseline without the policy

Redirect premium cash flows in a spreadsheet; compare net worth paths honestly.

03

Stress loan and dividend paths

Rate shocks, missed dividends, early exit—what breaks first?

04

Bucket fit with three-bucket policy

If cash value is not assigned a bucket job, it will steal from runway by narrative.

4. Behavior and *Commission* Fog

Run inversion: three ways the policy plan fails your household; mitigate before signature. Robustness still requires cash outside the contract for true tail

shocks.

5. Atlas *Verdict*

Insurance can be a tool inside a lattice of mental models—never a substitute for the lattice. If the illustration is the strategy, you do not have a strategy.

Build the *lattice*, not the legend.

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