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# Stocks-The Next 48Hours- Inflation?



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**08/09/22 - Stocks-The Next 48Hours-Inflation?**

We have come to another fork in the road (last Friday's jobs report was the first and it was a blowout). Tomorrow we will get the CPI report which is expected to be at 8.7% a relief from the prior number of 9.1%. There are whispers of a 7% handle on the headline number but the REAL NUMBER will be the CORE rate which is the FED FOCUS. Questions are around the effect of lower gas and some lower food prices but WAGES (+5%+) and RENTS (+7%+) are stuck in the mud. Anyway you slice it...we are NOT anywhere near the 2% FED TARGET. Tough to get there with this jobs market strong.

The second report on Thursday will be the PPI report (producer price index) which gives us an idea how much COSTS to companies have remained high which bleeds into the higher prices they will charge or the effect on MARGINS & EARNINGS. We are now seeing DOWNGRADES from many analysts on future GROWTH & REVENUES/EARNINGS estimates with the announcements by NVDA & Micron technology this last week alone. EARNINGS & VALUATIONS Key!

RIGHT NOW! We are getting volatility in the price of oil as Russia is playing games with supplies (Germany). We are getting volatility in commodities like grains and gold. The US Dollar is stubbornly ABOVE support at 104.

Here's our key levels for the MAJOR INDICES, VIX & 10 Year TREASURY which really hold the key to the future prices.

OUR VIEW-The SPX RESISTANCE 4130-4271-4330 SUPPORT 4085-3974-3780.....The QQQ RESISTANCE 335-345 and SUPPORT 313-303-295.....IWM RESISTANCE 195-205 SUPPORT 185-175 VIX BEARISH +25 10 Yr BEAR +3% and +3.5%.

We have a tug of war between consumer spending, jobs market, sticky inflation & the Fed MANDATE of 2% Inflation.

Recently; the winner has been the consumer & higher price pass thrus. Earnings revisions have been moderate.

Who wins in the end? The Fed has the YIELD CURVE widening which generally leads to slowdown. More hikes to come.

Never a good idea to fight the tape or fight the Fed but here we are with that choice. Technicals are OK on stocks generally albeit short term overbought. We think pricing out HEDGES and waiting for PRICE EVIDENCE is the best bet.

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