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Stocks UP-Powell-What We Heard vs The Market?



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Event Title:

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Date and Time:

- Thursday, December 1st, 2022
- 10AM to 4PM ET (7AM to 1PM PT)

Lineup for this Episode:

- 10AM ET: E. Matthew "Whiz" Buckley
- 11AM ET: Norman Hallett
- 12PM ET: Anka Metcalf
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Stocks went nuts on the upside Wed. as Jay Powell spoke and reiterated what we already knew. The Fed has hiked big time this year and they will slow the pace off 75 pts to 50 pts. WHAT ELSE DID HE SAY? He said they want inflation down to 2% overtime. He said the labor market is way too strong for that to happen. The JOLTS report showed 1.7 to 1 jobs available to those looking and that was an October number. You've been out and about...do you think November & December will show big cuts with the level of consumer activity out there? He said they must reduce DEMAND. He said there's been some progress on inflation (9% to 7%+Yeah!!) and a lot more to go. He said that more hikes to come and the terminal rate is higher than the Sept meeting. He said the Fed intends to keep the rate up until proof of inflation down toward goal (no talk of cuts). He talked of demographics of excess retirements & wealth effect hurting jobs #'s.

Finally; he did say the path to a soft landing still there if things break his way.....what if they don't "break his way"?

Social security is INCREASING 8.7% & Overall Wage Increases, the Labor Market remaining tight, Owner Equivalent Rent, Shortages of Basics Needs (Energy-

Food), Consumer Spending and more suggest to us that the RISK is to the Upside on both rates and inflation and thus there is only one more shoe to drop.....EARNINGS....if they do Sayonara!

We told you in Tuesday's alert that getting back above SPX 4000 would get us going and it did. We told investors who we speak to that the VIX had a big GAP around 20.50 which got FILLED on Wed Rally. Our LONG TERM chart has a 12 SMA pointing DOWN coming in S&P at 4100 area and Wed Highs were 4080 SPX and 4096 Dec E Mini....We'll see???

Tis the season to be bullish BUT reputable analysts see trouble in Q1 & not just little trouble. Here's some questions?

Was 2022 a 20-40yr cycle LOW? Inflation drops to 4%-6% = Fed Funds 5%-7%? 2023 SPX earns 200 X 15 P/E=3000?

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