5a. **MAJOR procedural change for the SSV Forum**
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==CHANGE for the forum: Replies== to messages posted on the forum will now go
to ==ALL== forum members, NOT to just the person making the original post. This rule will go
into effect immediately

This change is being made as several Premium Forum members have indicated they would like to see ALL replies made on posts related to various recommendations.

System-wise, we can have only one of two choices regarding how replies are processed: 1. The original option when we moved the SSV Forum over to Groups.io was 'reply to original message poster ONLY', or 2. Replies will go to ALL forum members.

This change will make it easier for forum members to see recommendations made especially for 'service' entities, and this is the major reason for making the change. "Replies to ALL' will be evaluated after being in effect for several weeks in order to determine WHICH method appears to be better. I will seek input from Premium members as to your opinion.

When the forum was hosted by Yahoo Groups, the ONLY option was for replies to go to ALL. There were two problems with 'replies going to ALL:

1. Some replies SHOULD have gone only to the original poster. See examples below. IF your reply is applicable to ONLY the original poster then you should NOT waste other peoples in-box space by sending the reply to EVERYONE. So, instead of just 'hitting reply' you will need make sure the 'to' section of your message has ONLY the original email address inserted.
2. Some people forgot that replies WERE going to ALL and as a result some embarrassing situations came about based on the content of the reply. So THINK before you compose ANY reply to a message on the forum and be sure you WANT your reply to go to EVERYONE.

The following section has now been changed in the 'rules and use' document, so please review so you are in compliance and do NOT subject yourself to moderation if you violate this rule.

A. ==INFORMATION REGARDING MAKING A 'REPLY' TO A MESSAGE POSTED ON THE FORUM:==

1. The test of whether to reply to the whole forum or to ==just the individual== who made the post IS:

a. Can ONLY the original poster answer my question or take the action I'm requesting. (reply only to ONE person). Example a reply message asks a specific question about something specifically about what the poster put on the forum for sale ---ONLY the original poster has the needed information so the reply should go to ONLY that one person.
b. If you start your message with a person's name, then the reply IS personal and should go to JUST that one person. (reply to only ONE person)

1. As of 3/21/21, If you make a reply to a message, the default is for the reply to go to THE ENTIRE FORUM, NOT to just the original poster as has been the case prior.

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