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Beyond *the* Books:

How Intentional Financial Systems Transform a Business

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Why Financial Systems Matter

Before I left for college, my father handed me something most people under forty have never used: a paper ledger book. He taught me how to track the money he gave me at the start of the semester so it would last until the end—covering everything from tuition and books to food, rent, and the “occasional” adult beverage.

The ledger wasn’t about obsessing over every dollar; it helped me make decisions. While most of my classmates saw a bank balance with thousands of dollars and immediately thought about new clothes or a party fund, I knew from that ledger that \$2,000 was already committed to rent for the next three months and \$900 was meant to keep me from eating free crackers and ketchup from the school cafeteria in November. I also knew I had \$200 a month to spend on fun—which meant \$50 a week if I wanted the party to last past midterms.

In an era before apps, alerts, and automatic balances, the ledger was a simple system that told the story of how I was going to eat, live, and enjoy myself over the next three months. Without it, I would have blown through the money and ended the semester broke, hungry, and wondering why I couldn’t pay my rent.

That ledger turned random transactions into a coherent picture. It helped me understand my cash flow and allowed me to make choices based on information, not guesswork.

Years later, in my work with business owners, I discovered the exact same truth applies at a much bigger scale:

Businesses don’t struggle because they lack revenue. They struggle because they lack systems that show where revenue is coming from, where it’s going, and how to influence it.

From Financial Planning to Financial Systems

After graduation, I had a clear vision of the work I wanted to do. I pictured sitting across a desk from families, helping them figure out how to buy their first home, save for retirement, and build financial security. That naturally led me into financial planning.

After earning my MBA, I started my career at UBS Financial Services, working primarily with police officers—my parents’ community. Many were nearing retirement, and they trusted me because I understood their concerns, their pensions, and their reality. Later, I joined Merrill Lynch and then eventually opened my own financial planning practice.

Opening my own practice changed things significantly. I began networking with business owners—and my work shifted. At first, I offered traditional financial planning services: investments, insurance, estate strategies. But as relationships grew, business owners started asking me to handle their taxes, too. The tax code was simpler back then, so I thought it would be a great way to diversify my business.

I said yes.

What I didn't realize was that these smart, capable entrepreneurs were running businesses with terrible books.

- Bank statements weren't reconciled
- Accounts were mislabeled or missing
- Assets were booked as expenses
- Liabilities disappeared entirely



So I started saying, "Before I can do your taxes, I have to fix your books." At the time, it felt like a technical requirement. I didn't realize that this sentence, repeated dozens of times, would change the trajectory of my career.

As my relationships with these business owners grew, I became a trusted financial partner. When an owner said, *"I don't understand where all my money goes. I bring in plenty of revenue,"* I knew enough to ask important questions:

- "You spent \$10,000 on client lunches last year. Is that really driving revenue?"
- "You invested \$50,000 in marketing. What was the return? How many new clients did it generate, and what revenue did they bring in?"

The more I had these conversations, the more I realized that bookkeeping isn't just a tax requirement. It produces the data that is the foundation of every decision an owner makes. Without clean, organized, strategic financial data, business decisions are really just guesswork. Even the most talented entrepreneurs halt their own growth when they make decisions without good data.

"Bookkeeping isn't just categorizing transactions—it's uncovering how one decision affects another across the business."

That's when it clicked:

Business owners don't just need a bookkeeper; they need a financial partner.

They need someone who can turn the numbers on a financial statement into practical insight they use to make confident decisions in their business.

Someone who can connect day-to-day operational choices with bottom-line impact.

Someone who can bridge the gap between financial theory and business behavior.

Someone who can turn numbers into direction.

I didn't set out to become a bookkeeper. I set out to help people make better financial decisions. And, as it turned out, strategic bookkeeping became the most direct and powerful way to do that.



Because once business owners can truly see what's happening inside their business, everything changes:

- Decisions get easier
- Stress decreases
- Profit becomes intentional
- Growth becomes sustainable

What Strategic Bookkeeping Really Is

When I began working closely with business owners, I quickly realized that most of them didn't need more effort, more hustle, or even more revenue—they needed better infrastructure. They weren't struggling because they lacked skill or drive. They were struggling because they lacked a system that translated business activity into financial clarity.

Traditional bookkeeping focuses on categorizing transactions and producing reports. Strategic bookkeeping is different. It builds a financial operating system that helps the business owner make sense of what is happening in the business.

Strategic bookkeeping isn't about tracking the past. It's about giving business owners the data they need to engineer the future.

Without that system, business owners see fragments of their financial story—bank balances, credit card charges, sales numbers—but they can't see the relationships between them:

- Which activities are actually profitable
- Which costs quietly drain margin
- Where cash gets trapped in operations
- Where strategic investment creates return
- How pricing, staffing, and marketing influence one another

And without visibility into those relationships, every major decision becomes reactive:

"We need to sell more."

"We need to hire."

"We can't afford that."

All of which may feel true in the moment, but none of which are grounded in data.



Strategic bookkeeping creates a system that makes financial behavior visible, interpretable, and actionable. It builds a foundation for the kinds of decisions that determine whether a business grows with intention—or struggles in uncertainty.

A good financial system should help a business:

- Understand how money flows in and out
- Identify what drives profit and what erodes it
- Spot operational inefficiencies early
- Allocate resources deliberately, not reactively
- Forecast outcomes based on current performance
- Decide confidently when and how to invest

Profit doesn't happen because a business owner works harder. Profit happens because a business owner understands:

- Where revenue is created
- Why it increases
- How to amplify it responsibly



In other words, **profit is engineered**, not hoped for.

Strategic bookkeeping gives business owners the ability to engineer profit because it converts scattered financial activity into information they can trust—and insight they can use.

One client summed up the impact perfectly:

“Jennifer is a lifesaver. Her expertise and dedication have brought immense clarity and order to my business finances.” — Andrew Gonzalez, Owner, ShirtGoals LLC

He wasn't praising data entry. He was describing the transformation that happens when financial systems finally reveal what's working, what isn't, and what needs to change.

Because once financial systems are in place:

- Decisions get easier
- Stress decreases
- Opportunities become visible
- Growth becomes sustainable
- Owners feel in control rather than overwhelmed

That clarity is what business owners are actually seeking—not spreadsheets or reports, but a way to connect daily choices with long-term outcomes.

And that is why strategic bookkeeping matters. It doesn't exist to satisfy compliance or to document the past. It exists to help business owners build companies that are stable, scalable, and profitable—businesses they can be proud of, businesses that support their teams and their families, and businesses that grow on purpose.

How One Business Stopped Surviving and Started Succeeding: A Case Study

One of my favorite examples of how strategic bookkeeping transforms a business started with a nonprofit director who came to me completely overwhelmed. She had spent her career leading teams inside Fortune 500 companies—managing budgets, operations, and people at a scale most entrepreneurs never experience.

But this nonprofit, which she had started as a passion project in retirement, was draining her.

She wasn't sure where the money was going, why her expenses were ballooning, or why her results couldn't keep up with the resources she was pouring in. She wasn't failing due to lack of intelligence or experience. She was simply operating without a financial system that connected activity to outcomes.

When we cleaned up her books, a picture finally emerged.



The biggest expense category was contractors, so we dug deeper. She had assembled a team of people who were doing their jobs in isolation, with no measurable goals or performance indicators. And the cost of those contractors didn't align with what the organization was actually getting in return.

One example stood out immediately:

A marketing generalist was billing \$6,000 a month—and there was no measurable increase in revenue attributed to any of her work.

It wasn't that the contractor was “bad.”

It was that there was no system for evaluating whether the work was producing results.

Once we looked at performance through the lens of data, the decision became obvious. The director let the marketing contractor go and we began restructuring the organization around outcomes instead of roles.

Next, we examined her fulfillment team. One employee had a highly repetitive job that didn't justify full-time hours. By reducing her schedule, we created immediate savings—without compromising service.

But the bigger question weighed on the director: **“Why were we doing so well a year ago, and struggling now?”**

By reviewing her profit and loss statements over time, we found a pattern. In the previous year, revenue had consistently spiked during periods when the nonprofit was running targeted social media ads. After letting go of the marketing generalist, that advertising had stopped entirely—even though it had been the primary driver of sales.

So we made a strategic shift.

Instead of hiring another expensive full-time generalist, we brought in a fractional specialist—someone who could execute targeted campaigns on a project basis.

They spent \$1,000 on highly focused social media ads and generated **eight times that amount in revenue.**

Not because we worked harder.

Not because we “cut costs.”

But because we used data to identify what actually worked—and then doubled down on it.

None of this would have been obvious without proper financial visibility. The books didn’t just tell us what was being spent.

They revealed:

- Which roles were producing value
- Which expenses were eroding profit
- Which activities were driving revenue
- And how one financial decision was influencing another

The nonprofit didn’t have a revenue problem. It had a systems problem.

And once we built a financial system that made patterns visible, decisions became clearer, outcomes improved, and the director finally felt the relief of knowing that her passion project didn’t have to drain her—financially or emotionally.



This experience is the heart of strategic bookkeeping. It isn’t about counting transactions or producing a tidy spreadsheet. It is about identifying patterns. It is about connecting actions to outcomes. It is about revealing the truths hiding under months or years of noise.

Every business has a story—but most owners are trying to read it without a translator. They see revenue coming in and expenses going out, but they can’t connect the dots between what they’re doing and what’s actually working. They’re making decisions based on hope and gut feeling instead of evidence. And that costs them—in wasted spending, missed opportunities, and the exhausting grind of working harder without getting ahead.

You can't fix what you can't see. And you can't see it if your books are unclear or if the person managing them doesn't know how to look beyond the surface. That's the difference between basic bookkeeping and strategic bookkeeping.

Basic bookkeeping tells you what happened.

Strategic bookkeeping tells you why it happened—and what you should do next.

It surfaces the silent connections between cost and performance, between effort and return, between a single decision and a company's long-term trajectory. When the nonprofit director understood those relationships, she stopped reacting to symptoms and started solving problems.

That shift—from confusion to clarity, from autopilot to intention—is where transformation happens. Strategic bookkeeping gives business owners the ability to engineer profit, build sustainability, and grow with purpose, not panic. It frees them from the feeling of being dragged behind their business and gives them the confidence to lead it.

When DIY Bookkeeping Stops Working (and How to Know It's Time for a Change)

In the beginning, when revenue is small and operations are straightforward, managing the books yourself can feel manageable—even empowering. But as a business scales, doing everything yourself shifts from “resourceful” to “risky.”

Let me tell you about the most common mistakes I see when business owners try to manage their books on their own—or when they hire someone who doesn't really know what they're doing.

1. Not Doing the Books at All

This one is extremely common, and extremely understandable.

You're busy running the business. Bookkeeping feels overwhelming or tedious. So you delay it. You put receipts in a box. You tell yourself you'll sort it out when you have time.

But the truth is, “later” never arrives. Then it's tax season and catching up your books seems like a huge task that you don't have the mental bandwidth or energy to deal with because you are dealing with all of the other responsibilities of running a business.



2. Thinking You Understand QuickBooks When You Don't

QuickBooks markets itself as “simple,” but it assumes you understand accounting language and logic.

So you spend hours “doing the books” only to end up with:

- Wrong account types
- Misclassified transactions
- Unbalanced ledgers
- Reports that don’t reflect reality

I see it constantly.

For example, an owner sets up “office supplies” as a **liability** instead of an **expense**.

Now the balance sheet shows they owe money they don’t owe, and the profit and loss report under-represents expenses.

Then they look at their numbers and think: **“This can’t be right.”**

And they’re correct.

3. Hiring Overseas Bookkeepers Because They’re Cheap

There’s a growing trend among business owners to outsource bookkeeping overseas because the rates are dramatically lower. On the surface, this seems smart:

“Why would I pay \$100 an hour when I can get it done for \$7?”

The problem isn’t the cost—it’s the context.

Most overseas bookkeepers are technically competent—but **not competent in the right framework—understanding U.S. conventions for bookkeeping.**

So when I’m hired to clean up books after an overseas provider has been managing them, I frequently find:

- Payroll recorded in ways that are overly complex, because they’re based on foreign labor systems
- Expenses misclassified because the bookkeeper doesn’t recognize U.S. brands, retailers, or services
- Balance sheet items recorded incorrectly because standards for recording loans and recognizing depreciation are not universal across the world

Something that is obvious to an American—like ULine—may be unrecognizable to someone abroad. So instead of being recorded as “office supplies,” it gets dumped into vague categories like:

- “General expense”
- “Other business expenses”
- Or sometimes, hilariously, “supplies liability”

When a business owner sees the mess, they think:





“What happened? We hired someone to save time!”

But what actually happened is this:

The bookkeeper didn’t understand U.S. financial norms, U.S. business culture, or U.S. tax law—so they built a system using the logic of an entirely different country.

And the cost of fixing that often **exceeds what the business saved** in the first place.

Because once the system is built wrong, every report, analysis, and tax return that follows is built wrong too.

Cheap isn’t cheap if it destroys clarity.

4. Not Understanding Tax Law—And Leaving Money on the Table

Even when business owners manage to “keep up” with their books, many don’t structure their financial data in a way that supports tax strategy.

And that matters.

Because tax law isn’t just compliance—it’s opportunity.

I routinely see business owners miss huge deductions simply because:

- Loan payments are recorded as a single expense, instead of being separated into principal and interest
- Fixed assets aren’t recorded on the balance sheet
- Depreciation schedules don’t exist
- Mileage, meals, or home-office expenses aren’t tracked properly

These mistakes happen not because the owner is careless, but because they don’t know the rules—and don’t know what their CPA needs in order to help them.

When loan payments are recorded correctly, you can deduct the interest.

When assets are recorded correctly, you can deduct depreciation.

When expenses are categorized correctly, you can reduce taxable income.

And when those systems are missing, you’re essentially telling the IRS:

“I’d like to pay more than I owe.”

This is why many business owners are shocked when I reorganize their books and their CPA suddenly says:

- “You can deduct that.”
- “You should have written this off last year.”
- “We missed this deduction entirely.”



Remember:

- The tax code **rewards organization**
- It punishes chaos
- And it ignores what isn't documented

So when business owners say, “I don't know why my tax bill is so high,” the answer is often simple:

The way the books were maintained—not the revenue—created the liability.

5. Trying to Scale While Doing Everything Yourself

Even when the books are technically “done,” many business owners hit a wall when they try to grow.

They're still working **in** their business, not **on** it.

They're the salesperson, the operations manager, the HR department, and—yes—the bookkeeper.

When you are responsible for every task, complexity becomes a liability. Growth becomes stressful instead of exciting.

I see it constantly. My favorite example is a friend of mine who owned a roofing company. Despite being busy enough to have five crews running at the same time, he was still managing crews, picking up materials, and driving all over town to give potential customers estimates.

What he wasn't doing was:

- Sending Invoices
- Chasing down late payments
- Reviewing job profitability, and
- Adjusting pricing as soon as material prices increased.



Delegating his bookkeeping would have helped him get paid faster, get paid on time, and know exactly when he needed to increase his prices because he could have tracked his expenses on every single project.

When It's Time to Hire a Strategic Bookkeeper and Financial Partner

There are predictable signals that a business has outgrown DIY bookkeeping, basic data entry, or transaction-level support. When these signs show up, it's no longer about "keeping up with the books"—it's about building financial intelligence that supports growth.

1. Revenue Is Growing, But Profit Isn't

This is the biggest red flag.

If you're working harder than ever, generating more revenue than ever, but don't feel financially secure, the problem isn't effort—it's visibility. Without clarity, more revenue simply creates more chaos, not more profit.

2. You Don't Trust Your Numbers

If your P&L says you're profitable but you feel like you're struggling to pay yourself or make payroll, something is off—either in how the books are structured or in how money is flowing.

A business owner who doesn't trust their numbers won't use their numbers.
And unused data can't guide decisions.

3. You Want to Grow, But You Don't Know the Best Path

Should you hire a salesperson or a marketer?
Invest in advertising or refine your offer?
Shift to higher-value customers or add new services?

Without data:

- Every choice is a guess
- Every investment is a gamble
- Every risk feels personal

Growth becomes stressful, not strategic

4. The Business Depends on People, Not Systems

If financial knowledge lives in someone's head—yours or an employee's—you're vulnerable

People can quit, get overwhelmed, or make mistakes. Systems don't

Systems create:

- Continuity
- Accountability
- Scalability

Without systems, growth is fragile.



5. You Need a Clear, Simple Way to Track Performance

Most business owners don't want to stare at spreadsheets or decode financial statements. They want to understand—at a glance—how the business is performing.

Strategic bookkeeping makes that possible through:

- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Industry-aligned metrics
- Customized dashboards
- Simple scorecards



These tools translate raw data into real insight so you can see patterns, measure performance, and make decisions with confidence.

Building Simple Systems That Produce Powerful Results

One of the most common questions I get is, “What does it actually look like to work with you?”

The answer is simple: we build a financial system that gives you clarity, control, and visibility into how your business is performing—so you can make decisions based on data, not gut instinct.

This isn't bookkeeping for the sake of compliance. It's bookkeeping designed to help you run a better business.

Step 1: Build the Foundation

We start by making sure your financial infrastructure is sound. That includes setting up QuickBooks Online correctly and connecting all relevant bank and credit card accounts.

But a system isn't just about the software—it's about the integrity of the data inside it.

If you're coming in with historical records that are incomplete, inconsistent, or incorrect, we clean them up before anything else. That means:

- Fixing miscategorized transactions
- Reconciling all accounts to date



- Cleaning up your Chart of Accounts so it reflects your business, not a QuickBooks template
- Reviewing retained earnings, loans, and assets and adjusting as needed
- Reconciling all invoices and bills to match payments and ensure that your income and expenses are correctly recorded

Making sure that the data we start with is correct will give us an accurate baseline of where your business is today.

Step 2: Define What Success Looks Like (KPIs & Strategy)

Once the foundation is solid, we step back and look at the bigger picture of your business.

This is where we talk about:

- How your business actually makes money
- Which services or products drive the most profit
- What kind of growth you want (and what you *don't* want)
- Where you feel stuck, stressed, or unsure

From there, we identify the **key performance indicators (KPIs)** that matter most for *your* business. Not generic metrics—targeted ones, such as:

- Revenue per job, project, or client
- Gross profit by service line
- Labor as a percentage of revenue
- Marketing spend versus revenue generated
- Monthly recurring revenue (if applicable)

We then design a simple, repeatable way to track these inside your financial system.

This step turns your bookkeeping from “recordkeeping” into **intelligence**:

- You’re no longer staring at a sea of numbers
- You’re watching a small set of metrics that tell you if things are working

Now your books aren’t just accurate. They’re aligned with what matters to you: profit, sustainability, and growth.



Step 3: Monthly Bookkeeping (The Essentials Done Right)

Each month, we handle the core bookkeeping tasks that keep your financial system accurate and up to date.

This includes:

- Reviewing and categorizing transactions
- Asking for clarification when something isn't clear
- Collecting monthly bank and credit card statements automatically
- Reconciling all accounts so the numbers match reality

Monthly bookkeeping ensures that all financial data stays up to date, accurate, and consistent—which allows you to track your KPIs over time and see whether the business is moving in the direction you want.

When the essentials are handled correctly and consistently, you gain a reliable financial picture to evaluate performance, identify trends, and make informed decisions, instead of reacting to surprises.

Step 4: Reporting That Supports Decisions

Once the monthly bookkeeping is complete, you receive accurate financial reports on a consistent schedule—not sporadically, not “whenever we get to it.” You know when to expect them, and you can rely on that cadence month after month.

Depending on your needs, this may include:

- Profit and loss statements
- Balance sheets
- KPI summaries
- Dashboards

The purpose of these reports isn't simply to document what happened. They are tools designed to help you answer important questions, such as:

- What drove profit this month?
- What didn't perform as expected?
- Are we spending money in the right places?
- What changed compared to last month or last quarter?
- Are we moving closer to our goals or drifting away from them?

Good financial reporting turns your numbers into insight and direction.

Instead of reacting to problems after they happen, you gain visibility into trends, opportunities, and risks while there is still time to do something about them.



Step 5: Strategy Check-Ins and Goal Realignment

As your business grows and evolves, your goals, priorities, and challenges will naturally shift. What mattered six months ago may not be what matters today, and the financial strategy needs to reflect that.

That's why we build in intentional check-ins with decision-makers—not just to review reports, but to interpret what the numbers are telling us and adjust direction where needed.

These conversations typically focus on questions like:

- What's working and worth expanding?
- What isn't producing results anymore?
- Where are we seeing friction, inefficiency, or risk?
- Do we need to adjust pricing, staffing, or capacity?
- Are the current KPIs still aligned with our goals?
- What new goals or initiatives should we be tracking?

The purpose of these sessions isn't to review history—it's to use financial insight to shape what happens next.

We treat the business as a living system, not a static model. And we recognize that growth requires periodic recalibration.

These conversations give owners and key leaders:

- Space to reflect
- Clarity around performance
- Support in making strategic decisions
- Confidence that decisions are backed by data, not guesswork

This is where your bookkeeping system stops being a record of the past and becomes a tool for designing the future.



Step 6: Prepare for Tax Season Without the Chaos or Extra Cost

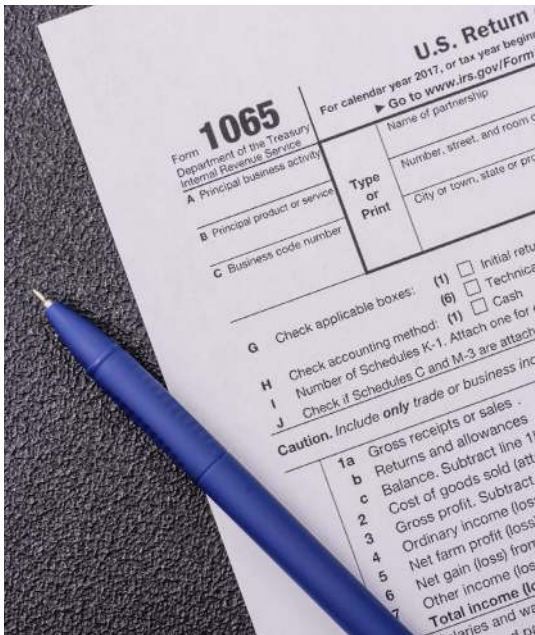
When the year ends, your books are already clean, reconciled, categorized correctly, and structured in a way that supports tax strategy—not just tax filing.

That means:

No scrambling in March

No digging through emails, boxes, or receipts

No guessing what a charge was for six months ago



More importantly, your CPA isn't stuck trying to fix or interpret messy books. CPAs charge premium rates to clean up errors, reclassify transactions, and rebuild financials so they can be used for tax work.

When your books are complete and accurate, your CPA can move straight into tax planning and filing.

And because your transactions are categorized properly throughout the year, your CPA can confidently apply deductions, track depreciation, and take advantage of tax strategies that are only possible when the underlying data is accurate.

Your CPA gets what they actually need: Reliable, complete financials they can trust.

You get what you actually want: A smoother, faster tax process, and better financial outcomes.

Building a Legacy Business Through Financial Systems: A Case Study

The owner of a construction company came to me because he was eight months behind on his bookkeeping. What began as a straightforward clean-up project quickly revealed a much bigger opportunity: transforming a chaotic business into a legacy his sons could one day run.

As I began the clean-up process, it became clear that the problem wasn't just a backlog—it was a lack of structure. Money moved in and out, but very little of it was documented in a way that reflected what was actually happening in the business.

Among other things, they were:

- Paying contractors through Zelle and Venmo
- Using personal accounts to cover business expenses and reimbursing themselves without documentation
- Running projects without tracking estimates versus actuals

They were profitable, but by accident—not by design.

As the owner and I spoke during the cleanup, I discovered that his desire was to build this company with his sons so that he could leave it to them and it would provide a legacy for his family. The sons were



bright, hardworking, and committed—but they had never been taught how to understand the financial heartbeat of a business.

After the books were reconstructed, we implemented financial controls to standardize processes. No more informal payments, personal accounts, or one-off systems.

Every vendor and contractor would be paid through QuickBooks or Buildertrend, and every transaction would live inside a system—not on someone’s phone.

Next, we began tracking projects in real time.

Instead of looking back at results after the work was done, we reviewed estimates versus actuals throughout each project. That allowed us to change course mid-stream, rather than diagnose losses months later.

For the first time, the family could clearly see:

- Which jobs were profitable
- Where margins were slipping
- Which crews performed best
- How pricing decisions impacted outcomes

The sons didn’t just learn how to read a P&L. They learned how every piece of the business affects profitability—and why you can’t understand any of it if the books are incomplete or inaccurate.



They began making decisions through the lens of a business owner.

When their father retires, they will be capable of making data-driven decisions to keep the company going for years to come.

That transformation wasn’t the result of spreadsheets.

It was the result of building a financial system that provided clarity in their business.

Your Business Deserves Better Than Guesswork

You didn't start a business to become a bookkeeper.

You started it because you're talented, passionate, and wanted to build something of your own.

I believe every business owner deserves the ability to understand the story their numbers are telling. When you have clarity, you make better decisions. When you make better decisions, you grow. And when you grow, you get to spend more time doing what you love—not drowning in financial uncertainty.

This work isn't just about bookkeeping.

It's about financial peace of mind.

It's about turning information into insight.

It's about building a business that supports your life instead of consuming it.

If what you've read resonates with you—if you're tired of guessing, reacting, and hoping it works out, and you're ready to make informed, confident decisions—I'd love to connect.

I offer a free consultation. No pressure, no pitch—just a conversation about where you are now, what you want for your business, and whether we're a good fit to work together.

Because at the end of the day, your business deserves books that do more than satisfy the IRS. Your business deserves financial clarity. Your business deserves someone who can help you translate financial data into strategy, direction, and growth.





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