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Take Back Financial Control

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# SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE:

THE 4 STEPS TO TAKE FINANCIAL CONTROL



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## SO, YOU WANT TO RUN A BUSINESS

- Accounting is not a dirty word
- Accounting is how you keep track of what happened
- Accounting is how you keep score
- Stop "Swimming in Place"



#### THE 4 STEPS TO TAKE FINANCIAL CONTROL

Step 1: Separate personal & business finances

Step 2: Require a business purpose and a receipt

Step 3: Act like a big business

Step 4: Outsource tasks, not management

#### STEP 1: SEPARATE PERSONAL & BUSINESS FINANCES

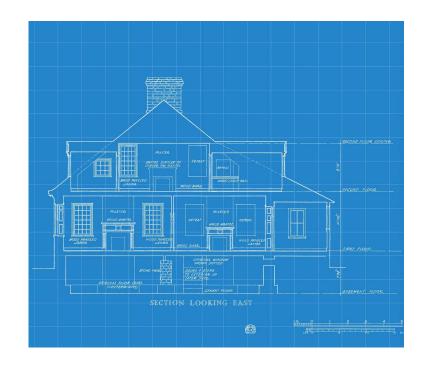
- Open exactly one business bank account\*
- Never use that account for personal transactions
- No exceptions
- Seriously. Stop it. Never. Don't. Not even once.



<sup>\*</sup>Limited exceptions if your industry requires a trust account: like landlords who need a second account to keep tenant security deposits separate

#### STEP 2: REQUIRE A BUSINESS PURPOSE AND A RECEIPT

- Absolutely 100% of transactions must have a business purpose
- All accounting software stores receipts
  - No need to keep paper
  - Use the browser or the app every single time
- No exceptions



#### STEP 3: ACT LIKE A BIG BUSINESS

- Doesn't matter how you're registered
  - Sole Proprietor, LLC, LLP, C-Corp, S-Corp
- You don't have to be cheap
- You do have to be intentional
- Put controls in place to justify every transaction
- No exceptions



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## STEP 4: OUTSOURCE TASKS, NOT MANAGEMENT

- You're good at "Making Widgets"
- Become good at Management
  - √ Financial Management
  - ✓ Team Management
  - ✓ Process Management
- Impossible to be successful without all three



# **QUESTIONS?**