

A FREE HONESTY CHECK · 4 MINUTES · 12 QUESTIONS

The Bookkeeping *Gut Check.*

Twelve plain-English questions to tell you — honestly — whether your books are actually working for you.

This isn't a test. There's no score to send anywhere, no spreadsheet to fill in, no shame if the answer is "no." It's four minutes of quiet honesty about the part of running a business most people avoid.

Print it. Answer it. Then decide what to do next.

HOW TO USE THIS

Read each statement. Check the box only if it's honestly true today — not "almost," not "sort of," not "I mean to." Then tally the page.

Your score isn't a grade. It's a starting line.

PART 1 OF 2

The four honest questions.

CLARITY

- I know — without opening my accounting software — roughly what came in and what went out last month.**
- I could tell you my current bank balance and roughly what's owed in the next 30 days.**
- I know which one or two products or services actually make me money.**

TIMELINESS

- My books are reconciled through last month by the 10th of this month.**
- Receipts and expenses get captured within the week, not in a March 31st panic.**
- If I needed a financial statement for a lender today, I could produce a current one this week.**

PART 2 OF 2

Keep going — you're almost there.

TRUST

- The numbers in my accounting software match what my bank and credit card actually show.**
- I understand my categories — I'm not guessing where things belong.**
- When I look at a report, I believe the numbers. I don't quietly discount them.**

USEFULNESS

- I've looked at a profit and loss statement in the last 30 days.**
- I use my numbers to make at least one real decision each month (pricing, spending, hiring, saving).**
- I know what my business needs to bring in each month for me to actually pay myself.**

WHAT YOUR ANSWERS MEAN

Count your checks.

10–12 ***Your books are working.***

You have a real financial operating system. Now the question is whether you're using it to make bigger decisions — pricing, hiring, paying yourself properly.

6–9 ***You're close, but leaking clarity.***

The basics are there. What's missing is rhythm — a monthly close, a report you actually read, one honest number that drives decisions. This is the most common place to be.

3–5 ***Your books exist. They're not working for you.***

Data is being entered somewhere. But you're running the business on gut, and the numbers are along for the ride. Start with a clean-up, then build a monthly rhythm.

0–2 ***It's okay. You're not behind — you're honest.***

Most business owners live here longer than they admit. The fix isn't more discipline. It's a system, and a person who actually knows what they're doing.

READY FOR THE NEXT STEP?

**Let's talk about what your numbers
are actually telling you.**

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