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#### Why Good Financial Statements Matter

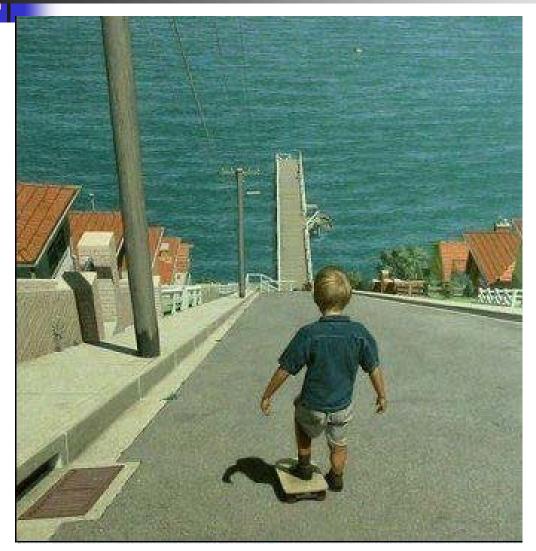


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# Plan/Approach For Today

- Learn the WHY, Not the How of financial analysis
- Use RDFinancial to gain an understanding of:
  - Business's financial position & performance
  - Interaction among financial statements
  - Financial interaction/impact the family structure has on the business
  - Measure the possible impacts different types of risk have on the financial health of the business

## Are You a Risk Taker????





#### Do You Take <u>Unnecessary</u> Risks??



### What Should We Measure???

- Business Position
- Business Performance
- What is our tape measure?

## **Complete Financials Required**

- Beginning and Ending <u>Balance Sheets</u>
- Cash Flow Statement
  - Statement of Cash Flows
- Accrual Adjusted Income Statement
- Statement of Owner Equity (SOE)
- This set of statements allows reconciliation of the financial statements.

#### Just Like Balancing a Check Book

- Beginning Cash Balance I
- + Inflows
  - Outflows
  - = Ending Cash Balance



Business position and performance are measured the same way with a <u>complete set</u> of financial statements

### Statement of Owner Equity

- Beginning Owner Equity
- + Net Income
  - Withdrawals
- + Contributions
  - Distributions
- +/- Change in Valuation
- Ending Owner Equity

Balancing a Checkbook Beginning Equity +/- Activity = Ending Equity

## Need to Worry About the Details

Like Swatting a Beehive With a Broom

# **But Not Today**

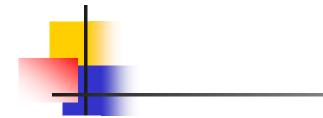


### **Topics Examined With RDFinancial**

- Owner Withdrawals
- Non-Business Inflows
- Money Trees

- Non-Cash Income
- Contributed Capital
- Distributed Capital
- Cash Management
- Government Payments Swap Credit for Cash
- Capital Asset Purchase Enterprise Mix
- Cost of Production
- Asset revaluation
- Debt Load and Structure
- Non-cash Expense

- Using Ratios
- Credit Scoring



# Must Measure A Business's Financial Position & Performance



Would you try to build a house without a tape measure?

Financial Statements are our tape measure.

If you can't measure it, you can't manage it!!

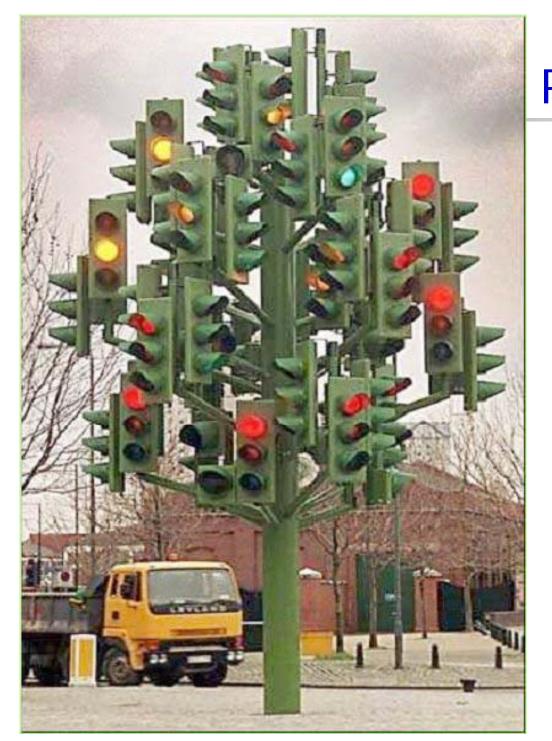
# Today's Take Home Message

#### Must be profitable

- Must be able to generate Net Worth internally
- Manage ALL types of risk

#### How to Get There -- Two Approaches

- Many financial analysis programs are available
  - FinPack
  - AgPlan
  - IFFS
  - Fast Tools
  - Others
- Record Keeping Systems
  - Day-to-day implementation



#### Parting Comment Do not risk the future of your operation (family and business) with frustration over preparing detailed financial statements.

# Just do it!