DYNASTY BRIEF / FINANCE / FRACTIONAL CFO

The Dashboard Says Profit. Can You Make Payroll?

Useful finance work connects the numbers on screen to the bills coming due.

ACT I / ESTABLISH

A good month can feel tight

A business can show a sale before the customer pays. Meanwhile, wages, rent, and suppliers still have due dates. A dashboard that looks healthy may not explain what the owner can spend this Friday.

For someone interested in finance, that gap is a place to start learning. The work is not making a chart look impressive. It is making the next decision clearer.

ACT II / DEEPEN

Put dates beside the dollars

Imagine a Texas contractor waiting for a customer payment while a crew starts its next job. This is a teaching example. Put the expected receipt beside payroll and supplier dates, then ask what happens if the receipt arrives late.

SBA guidance distinguishes cash and accrual accounting and recommends keeping track of available cash, money owed to the business, and bills it must pay.

ACT III / TURN

A forecast is a set of assumptions

An automated forecast can carry the wrong payment date through every row. A neat chart does not show that an assumption is sound.

The useful skill is explaining the assumption, checking it against records, and showing the owner what changes when it fails. A fractional finance role also needs a clear scope; a software label does not establish professional qualifications.

ACT IV / RESULT

Build a small cash calendar

Build a practice cash calendar with invented numbers, not a customer's private books. Show receipts, bills, and a delayed-payment case. Ask an experienced bookkeeper or finance professional what you missed.

Owners can ask who maintains the forecast and how often actual results are compared with it. Finance 101 is the place to explore these roles before choosing a service or career path.

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