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A SIMPLE CHANGE, A PROFOUND IMPACT: HOW ONE BUSINESS OWNER TRANSFORMED DEBT INTO OPPORTUNITY

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Running a business is no easy feat. Business owners juggle countless responsibilities, often doing their best to keep things running smoothly. But sometimes, even the most seasoned entrepreneurs need a helping hand. Here's a real-life example of how one business owner found more success than they ever imagined by seeking advice.

Meet Sarah (name changed for privacy), a 56-year-old business owner who had been managing her company for years. Things were fine—work was steady, bills were paid, and on the surface, she seemed content. However, between personal and business debts, Sarah was facing \$1.4 million in liabilities. While she had the cash flow to manage the debt, she wasn't making much progress. She felt resigned to the idea of working indefinitely to fund her family's lifestyle.

That changed when a friend recommended she speak with John, a specialist in streamlining small business operations. Intrigued, Sarah reached out, and after a few meetings, John saw potential for improvement. He suggested bringing Sarah's management team into the conversation, where a longstanding problem came to light.

Each month, Sarah's business was losing 10% of its total revenue due to wasted product—items that didn't meet client specifications. To Sarah and her team, this was just a cost of doing business, but John saw it for what it was: a massive inefficiency.

Sarah's company produced custom-built products tailored to client needs. When an order came in, several decisions needed to be finalized before production could begin. However, in an effort to keep her team busy, Sarah would often push work orders through before they were fully approved. This well-meaning approach resulted in costly errors.

The fix? Simple. No work order would go into production without client sign-off. This one adjustment led to hundreds of thousands of dollars in increased profits annually.







With this newfound profit, Sarah started paying down her debts. A couple of years later, her debt is nearly gone, and she has more options than she ever thought possible. Sarah is now considering retirement, either by selling the business or stepping back and handing over daily operations while retaining ownership. Whichever path she chooses, Sarah is poised for a much more lucrative exit than before she met John.

Sarah's willingness to seek advice and embrace change deserves to be celebrated. Being open to outside perspectives can create tremendous value. Too often, pride prevents people from realizing there may be a better way forward.

If you'd like to connect with John and explore how his expertise can benefit your business, reach out to us. We'd be happy to make the introduction, watch the transformation, and help you decide how to make the most of your newfound wealth.

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