

# **I am a Business Owner**

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I have vision beyond what is in front of me.  
I see what others do not.  
I have faith, when others around me worry.  
I push on, even when I am exhausted.  
I start each day with optimism and positive expectation.  
I build my team because I know I cannot do this alone.

I am always thinking ahead.  
I take calculated risks because my future depends on it.  
I look brave on the inside. But I'm still scared. I push past the fear.

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I pinch pennies.  
I research.  
I never stop thinking, analyzing, dreaming, planning, scheming.  
I think about next week, next month, next year. I'm always looking ahead.

I forget to look behind at how far I've come. When I do, I am amazed.  
I keep pushing forward. I will not stop.

My team, my staff, and my family are counting on me.  
I feel this weight. This responsibility. This privilege.

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I do not know the future, but I know I have this moment.  
I squeeze the most out of every day, every opportunity.  
I'll never stop, I'll never back down, and I'll never quit.

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