

# Take the House Equity \$tress Test

\_\_\_\_\_ I review my borrowing and saving needs together to maximize the advantage available through proper planning?

\_\_\_\_\_ I know how the current tax laws work to pay a portion of my mortgage payment for me each month?

\_\_\_\_\_ I review my mortgage lending yearly to make sure I'm not overpaying my lender based on my changing needs?

\_\_\_\_\_ I manage the equity in my house as carefully as I manage my other investments?

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware of the financial impact of paying interest only versus principal and interest on my mortgage?

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand how to maximize the IRS Section 163 tax code that allows me to deduct interest?

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand how the Section 121 tax free wealth transfers can help me reduce taxes in the future?

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a clear written plan on the best way for me to pay off my house, and when doing so makes sense?

\_\_\_\_\_ I compared short, intermediate and long term financing options related to risk/return when I secured my last mortgage?

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand how to accurately calculate the EPR, net cost of borrowing, on my house related borrowing?



## Your Score

0 - 3	House Work To Be Done?
4 - 8	House Improvement?
9 - 10	Nice Work!