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## The advantages of home ownership are many!

**Q:** My wife and I are discussing moving into a home of our own versus an apartment. I think we should make the move for investment purposes but my wife would rather stay where we are. What is the value of home ownership today?

**A:** In addition to the personal shelter, security and possible status a home provides, home ownership conveys benefits to society as well. Moreover, statistics indicate that an increased level of home ownership also promotes savings and economic growth, improves neighbourhoods and even strengthens families.

The advantages are many:

**Freedom** - In your own home, you choose the style of the structure, landscaping, colours, furniture and decor. Since you are the 'landlord', the freedom to rearrange things to suit

your needs is limited only by your creativity and imagination.

**Privacy** - your home is a place where you can enjoy the many facets of your lifestyle. It can be a centre of activity or a quiet refuge. It's much more than a place to eat and sleep; your home is an intricate part of your lifestyle.

**Security** - Security and knowledge go hand in hand with home ownership. Your feeling of security will be enhanced by the knowledge that your home, a major investment of a lifetime, is a safeguard against inflation. As time passes, a smaller share of your earnings will go toward this housing expense. Owning a home is a cornerstone of financial independence.

**Community** - You establish roots because your home makes you part of the community. Your neighbours are home owners too. Everyone

cheers for the 'home' team!

Home ownership is the primary goal in an individual's search for success. Home ownership provides both financial and personal satisfaction. By making this investment now, an investment in your future, you and your family can expect a significant return throughout the years.

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