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Secrets To Immediate And Exponential Business Growth

Plus: 120 Brainstorming
Marketing 'Power Tools'
You Can Use Today!

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*Powerful strategies to skyrocket your business
And multiply your profits and business success.*

Keep these concepts in mind:

You've failed many times, although you don't remember.

You fell down the first time you tried to walk.

You almost drowned the first time you tried to swim. . . .

Don't worry about failure.

My suggestion to each of you:

Worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try.

– Sherman Finesilver

Successful men are influenced by the desire for pleasing results.

Failures are influenced by the desire for pleasing methods and are inclined to be satisfied with such results as can be obtained by doing things they like to do.

The common denominator of success - the secret of every man who has ever been successful - lies in the fact that he formed the habit of doing things that failures don't like to do.

– Albert Gray

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19 Secrets To Immediate And Exponential Business Growth

19 Secrets Introduction

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a business that consistently and predictably realizes extraordinary growth and another business that struggles just to make ends meet?

Or why a business that was started in a garage or basement of a home and run by the seat of its pants, can out perform in sales and profits, some of the best run companies?

Or take two businesses that operate in the same marketing arena. They both sell the exact same products or the same services for the exact same prices. Why can one business continually grow and prosper, while the business owner spends a good portion of his or her time away from the business on trips and vacations with their family, and the other owner spends an inordinate amount of time working harder and longer hours just trying to pay the bills and never taking any time off?

In the pages that follow, you're going to learn a handful of practical ideas that have worked for some of the world's largest and most prestigious businesses, and that will work for you in your business, as well. Ideas and strategies that you can begin to use immediately to quickly and easily take your business to the next level and begin adding profits to your business' bottom line.

There's no reason you can't improve your business or increase your profits as long as you adhere to four fundamental principles

- First, you must have a product or service that is beneficial to those who buy it.

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- Second, your product or service must be wanted or needed by the end user.
- Third, you must effectively make your prospects aware of the availability of your product or service.
- And fourth, you must make your prospects an offer that is enticing, compelling and in their best interest to purchase your product or service.

The first two areas – having a beneficial product or service that your prospects want or need, are areas that you’re going to have in place, or are going to have to develop.

The third and fourth principles – letting your prospects know about what you have to offer and then compelling them to buy from you, is where the following ideas can be of enormous assistance to you.

So grab something to write with, get ready to make some notes in the margins of these pages, and let’s dig in.

When you get right down to it, there are really five basic ways any company, any association, or any organization can increase its business.

- First, a business can increase the number of new customers they have.
- Second, they can generate more income from their existing customers.
- Third, they can increase the efficiency of their operation, cut their expenses and improve their margins.
- Fourth, they can determine and then ethically exploit the Lifetime Value of their customers.
- And finally, they can create a clear, compelling and irresistible reason for their prospects and customers to do business with them, and not their competitors.

Each one of these categories on its own has enormous potential to dramatically affect the bottom line profits of your organization, but if

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you combine two or more of them, they can have a synergistic effect, and the results will be exponential.

Let's take a look at the **first principle** of growing a business...
Increase The Number Of Customers.

7 Ways To Increase The Number Of Customers Your Business Has.

Ask nearly any business owner what they would like to have more of and most likely you'll get an answer somewhere along the lines of, "more customers."

There's no denying that customers are very important to any business. Without an adequate number of people purchasing the goods and services sold by a business, there wouldn't be any need for the business, and they would soon be out of business.

But getting customers begins with having someone to tell a sales story to – a prospect – a lead – and then converting those leads into buying and profitable customers and then keeping them from leaving and buying from the competition. Here are some ideas you can use:

1. Get More Leads.

That is find ways to get in front of more prospects to tell your sales story to. There are a number of lead generation devices that can do this very effectively, from direct mail or telemarketing campaigns, to paid advertising or free publicity, to joint ventures and host-beneficiary relationships, just to name a few.

2. Increase Your Conversion Ratio.

This is the converting of interested prospects into paying customers. You do this by getting better at what you do. You develop your sales skills, your word tracks and your scripts. And you can even upgrade or attract a better quality of prospects who would be more likely to buy from you.

3. Reduce Customer Defections.

That is, close the back door – don't let existing customers slip away to do business with the competition. Statistically, for every five percent increase in customer retention, a business

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It's often much easier and less expensive to sell something to someone who has done business with you in the past – someone who has already experienced the service, quality, convenience, terms, and relationship you have to offer, than it is to create a completely new customer and build that trust and credibility from ground zero.

7. Establish Joint Venture Arrangements.

Work together in mutually beneficial arrangements with your centers of influence. Find people or companies who have already spent considerable time, effort and money establishing and building relationships with customers who are of the same buying profile as the customers you are targeting. Then work out reciprocal arrangements with those business to refer, endorse or suggest that their customers consider certain products or services offered by your company.

The **second principle** for growing a business, is to Generate More Income From Your Existing Customers.

5 Ways To Generate More Income From Existing Customers.

This category has the potential to add more profitability to your bottom line faster, easier and more cost effectively than any other method. You should pay very careful attention to each of the following sub categories.

1. Increase The Value Of Each Sale.

Getting more money from each sale, or increasing the average transactional value of each sale – that is, getting more money from every purchase your customers make has the potential to add an immediate 30 to 40 percent in pure profits to your bottom line. Using this technique, and making a simple suggestion, fast food restaurants add millions in profits to their coffers every day. They use the strategies of:

- **Up-selling** – not selling anything additional – just offering a larger size or more of the same item the customer is already purchasing. Super-sizing a drink or an order is an example of Up-selling.

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4. Establish And Maintain A Segmented Database.

One of the most effective ways to increase sales is by having an up to date, clean and segmented database of all your customers – past, present and future customers – your prospects. When you keep track of your customers and what they’ve purchased in the past, and then see that they are informed of special sales and offers, special events, and new items, and discounts and promotions on items they would be interested in, shows them that you care about them, and encourages them to make additional, often more profitable purchases.

5. Increase The Average Buying Lifetime Of Each Customer.

It just makes sense that the longer a customer continues to do business with you, the more products and services you’ll have the opportunity to sell that customer, which of course, translates into more profits.

But also, the longer that customer keeps coming back and buying from you, the more benefits they’ll receive from the products and services they’ve purchased, which leads to a more satisfied customer, and again, means more profits to you.

For example’s sake, let’s say your average customer trades with you for a period of five years before moving on to do business with another company, or no longer needs the product or service your business offers.

If that five years could be extended by just one year, it would mean an increase in profits of 20 percent – even if nothing else changed. Actually, it would be somewhat more than 20 percent, because there were no acquisition costs for that extra year like there was for the first year the customer did business with you.

And naturally, the longer the customer’s buying lifetime with you, the more chances you’ll have of getting referrals of others who can use and benefit from the products and services you sell.

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manufacturing, accounting, fulfillment, delivery, even janitorial. Have a brainstorming session and get every idea possible on the table. Don't be judgmental. Get them all out. Then go through each idea and discuss how it can be used to more fully satisfy the needs of your customers. Sometimes the best ideas come from those you'd least expect.

Now let's look at the fourth principle for growing your business... Ethically Exploit The Lifetime Value Of your Customers.

1 Powerful Way To Determine And Ethically Exploit The Lifetime Value Of The Business' Customers.

The Lifetime Value of a customer is one of the most valuable things you as a business owner can know. It is simply a calculation or determination of how much (in dollars) each of your customers is worth to you.

The reason this calculation is so critical, is that by knowing what the value of an average customer is, you can then determine how much you can afford to spend to acquire a new customer, as well as how much you can afford to spend to keep an existing customer from leaving you and purchasing from a competitor.

Lifetime Value can be determined a couple of different ways. To get the Gross Lifetime Value you calculate:

- The average purchase amount...
- *Multiplied by* the average number of times a customers buys per year...
- *Multiplied by* the average number of the customer continues to buy...
- *Plus*, the monetary value of their referrals.

This gives you the total worth or Gross Lifetime Value of each customer.

Another way to determine the value of a customer to your business is to compute the Lifetime Profit Value. This differs from the Gross Lifetime Value, in that this computation figures the amount of profit

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each customer is worth to your business. This is determined in much the same way as above, but with one additional step:

- The average purchase amount...
- *Multiplied by* the average number of times a customer buys per year...
- *Minus* product acquisition or production costs, fulfillment and delivery costs, sales commissions, bonuses and salaries, advertising and marketing costs, and other overhead expenses.
- *Multiplied by* the average number of years the customer continues to buy...
- *Plus*, the monetary value of their referrals.

This gives you the total profit value of each customer. There's value in doing both types of calculations for your consulting clients. When initially demonstrating the concept of Lifetime Value it may be easier and quicker to figure Gross Lifetime Value. But when doing calculations for the purpose of developing actual marketing strategies and campaigns, the Lifetime Profit Value will give a more accurate picture.

Finally, the **fifth principle** for growing a business... Create Compelling Reasons For Your Customers To Only Do Business With You.

1 Big Way To Create A Clear, Compelling And Irresistible Reason For Your Prospects And Customers To Do Business With You, And Not Your Competitors.

Here's a simple test you can perform: Ask any business owner, any manager, any entrepreneur or any professional why their prospects or customers should buy from them, and you'll most likely hear something like, "Because we offer the highest quality products, the best service, the fastest delivery and the lowest prices around."

But really, what do you learn from that kind of statement? That kind of answer does absolutely nothing to compel you to want to know more, or to nearly force you to get out of your chair, pick up the

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phone and call, or to get in your car and drive to the place of business, or to fill out and mail in a response card.

In fact, just the opposite. You've heard this kind of "ho-hum" statement so many times before by countless other businesses, that you no longer pay any attention to such statements.

Competition in business today is so keen, products and services are so similar, and prices are so cutthroat, that it's difficult, in fact nearly impossible in almost any industry, business or profession, to maintain for any predictable length of time, a competitive advantage because of the products or services a business offers, or the prices they charge.

The simple truth is, that if you can't give your prospects and customers clear and compelling reasons to do business with you, you can never expect for your business to be any better than any of your competition. And you'll just be another "me-too" business – at least in the eyes of your customers. And since they're the one's with the money, that's the only place that matters.

To be competitive in the marketplace today, you must differentiate yourself and your business from any and all other options your prospects and customers have to choose from. In effect, you've got to stand out not only as the most logical choice for your customers to buy from, but the *only* choice they have.

That differentiating factor has to be as clear and compelling as FedEx's, "When it absolutely, positively has to get there overnight" was for them. There was no question in the minds of the buying public that when something was so important or urgent that it had to be delivered the next day, that the only one who could get it there was FedEx. Not UPS, not the Post Office, not anyone.

Coming up with your own unique differentiating factor – that one thing that no one else can offer, or that preempts anyone else who markets the same products or services as you, is critical. And when you can articulate it in such a way as to capture a unique position in the minds of your prospects and customers, you will gain a very competitive edge, and your competition won't stand a chance.

120 Marketing Power Tools

To move your business forward easier and faster here is 120 powerful, business boosting marketing activities and tools for you try out in your business. Begin immediately by holding brainstorming meetings and workshops with your associates or staff. Almost effortlessly, you will quickly come up with lots of great ideas to build your business.

Just explore the list imagining ways that you can incorporate them into your business and write down your thoughts and ideas. Don't judge your notes straight away. Put them aside for a few days before revisiting them and deciding which ones will work best for your products or services. Create and implement a plan to implement the best and most profitable ideas. Revisit the list periodically and watch your sales and profits soar.

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| 1. Audio Cassettes/CD ROM's/DVD's | 39. Demonstrations | 80. TV Infomercials |
| 2. Video Cassettes/CD ROM's/DVD's | 40. Samples | 81. Reports/Special Reports |
| 3. Magazine Articles | 41. Directories | 82. Referrals |
| 4. Advertorial's (long copy ads) | 42. Exhibits | 83. Recorded T'phone Messages |
| 5. On-hold Messages | 43. Flyers/Handouts | 84. Voice Mail |
| 6. Business Cards as Ads | 44. Fund Raisers | 85. Fax on Demand/Fax Back |
| 7. Books | 45. Gifts | 86. CD ROM Catalogues |
| 8. Brochures | 46. Gift Certificates | 87. On-Line Catalogues |
| 9. Trade Show Booths | 47. Newsletter Inserts | 88. Seminars |
| 10. Flea Market Stands | 48. Magazine Inserts | 89. Vendor Sponsored Events |
| 11. Fairs | 49. Newspaper Inserts | 90. Statement Stuffers |
| 12. Bulletin Boards/Electronic | 50. Invitation Only Events | 91. Sales/Mfr's Reps |
| 13. Web Site | 51. Breakfast Seminars | 92. Direct Sales People |
| 14. Associate E-Marketing | 52. Private Unveilings | 93. Bag Stuffers |
| 15. Billboards | 53. Previews | 94. Sponsored Events |
| 16. Piggy back Mailings | 54. Personalized Letters | 95. Special Events |
| 17. Co-op Advertising | 55. Directory Listings | 96. Signs |
| 18. Joint Ventures | 56. Loss leaders | 97. Marquee/Banner Signs |
| 19. Endorsed Mailings | 57. Magazine Ads | 98. Moving Displays |
| 20. Cross Promotions/Selling | 58. Newspaper Ads | 99. Store Window Displays |
| 21. Conferences | 59. Classified Ad's | 100. Surveys |
| 22. Teleconferences | 60. Supermarket Boards | 101. Inbound Telemarketing |
| 23. Coupons | 61. Matchbook Advertising | 102. Outbound Telemarketing |
| 24. Sponsor Community Service | 62. Cinema Ads | 103. T-shirt Advertising |
| 25. Catalogues | 63. Newsletters | 104. Bumper Sticker Ads |
| 26. Consultations | 64. New Product Releases | 105. On-Vehicle Advertising |
| 27. Contests | 65. Personal Sales Contacts | 106. Workshops |
| 28. Prize Draws | 66. Post Cards | 107. Word-of-Mouth |
| 29. Training Workshops | 67. Party Plans | 108. Yellow Pages |
| 30. Taxi Ad's | 68. MLM | 109. Package Advertising |
| 31. Celebrity Endorsements | 69. Posters | 110. In-Package Advertising |
| 32. Correspondence Courses | 70. Paid/Unpaid Public Speaking | 111. 0800 Numbers |
| 33. Newspaper/ Magazine Columns | 71. Point of Purchase Advertising | 112. Gift Baskets |
| 34. Calendars | 72. Placemats in Restaurants | 113. Blimps & Search Lights |
| 35. House To House Canvassing | 73. Publicity/Press Releases | 114. Association Memberships |
| 36. Direct Mail | 74. Per Inquiry Ads | 115. Letters to the Editor |
| 37. Distributors | 75. Personal Letters | 116. Customer Mailing Lists |
| 38. Donations | 76. Radio Ads | 117. Petrol Pump Ad's |
| | 77. Interviews On Audio/Video | 118. Affinity Sales |
| | 78. Radio/Telephone Interviews | 119. Centres of Influence |
| | 79. TV Talk Shows | 120. Testimonials |

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So there you have it. Nineteen solid strategies that you can begin using immediately to help position your company to gain an advantage in your marketplace and begin adding big profits to your bottom line.

But this isn't all. There's so much more you can do.

More Help For Your Business

In the past 37 years in working with some of the world's largest and most successful companies and corporations, as well as hundreds of small and medium size businesses, the Business Development Consultants of TopLine Business Solutions have been able to uncover tremendous profit centers that have been lying dormant, just waiting to be tapped – ready to unleash a flood of new found profits that go directly to the business' bottom line.

If you're serious about growing your business, virtually eliminating your competition, and dominating your market, we need to talk. The ideas, strategies and systems we can create for you and install in your business have been proven time and time again in countless businesses, a variety of industries and in nearly every profession. And we are confident we can work the same magic for you and your business.

The future of your business is directly in your hands. To ensure its success, just pick up the phone and give us a call at **(480) 969-1738**.

We'll be happy to discuss how, together, we can create a powerful marketing strategy that will position your business to become not only the obvious choice, but in reality, the *only* choice for your prospects and customers – and your competition won't stand a chance.

So don't delay. Pick up the phone now and give us a call – before your competition does. We guarantee you won't regret it.

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Over the years the principles that are at the foundation of the NextLevel Business Development's business building and development systems have been used to make billions of dollars for small, medium and large businesses just like yours.

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