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Target the Top 20 Dream Clients for Your Industry.





In this chapter you will learn.

- 1. Setting up your LinkedIn Profile for stronger brand positioning.
- 2. Preparing your Social Proof.
- 3. Strategy.
- 4. How to 'Profile' Your Top 20 Dream Client Prospects.
- 5. Market Research.
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- 8. Connect.
- 9. Add Value & Educate without Selling.
- 10. NEVER Pitch on LinkedIn.
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- 12. Consistent & Ongoing Marketing.
- 13. Follow Up & X Your Business.





Your Top 20 Dream Clients.

What would it mean to you and your business if you landed just a few of your Top 20 Dream Clients?



Top 20 Dream Clients.

The fastest way to build your business is to go after the best clients.



Every niche includes a small number of best clients/buyers Vs

the remaining clients/buyers.



Top 20 Dream Clients.

Are the best prospects for building your business and taking it to the next level.

They could be business partners, JV partners, sources of leads and even people in the same industry (not everybody is a competitor!)



Why You Should Target the Top 20 Dream Clients.

Your Top 20 Dream Clients will require more of your services, & can refer more people to you,

= Increased revenues.



Other Dream Clients <u>become</u> interested when Dream Clients <u>are</u> interested.



About Your Top 20 Dream Clients.

This proven strategy, when correctly & consistently applied, has the real potential to X revenue and profits of your business.



About Your Top 20 Dream Clients.

Let's be realistic, this won't happen overnight!

This is a long term strategy.



LinkedIn



Linkedin is the world's largest database of

businesses & their employees.



Step 1



Your LinkedIn Profile.

Ask yourself

When your Top 20 Dream Client prospects visit your profile. 'What are they going to see?'

How well does your profile present you and your business?



Your LinkedIn Profile.

Should include

- 1.) An attractive face picture of you. (Use photofeeler.com to test your face pic.)
- 2.) A header image that defines your business, your branding, what you have to offer, your USP or
 - a key benefit statement. (Use Canva.com or Snappa.com to build your banner image 1584 X 396 Pixels)
- 4.) A completed 'About' section with your contact details at the end.
- 5.) A completed 'Experience' section, again with your contact details at the end.
- 6.) A 'Featured' section that includes media, such as Papers, Certificates, Case Studies, Pdf's, Videos etc.
- 7.) Add media that adds value and educates your target audience to the lower section of your Experience section.
- 7.) Endorsements of your Skills, as many as possible.
- 8.) Recommendations from satisfied clients or customers, again as many as possible.



Step 2



Prepare Your Social Proof.

This is VITAL to your success!



Your Social Proof.

Can consist of any of the following

1. Case Studies (These are best)

(Identify a problem experienced by your target audience <u>or</u> preferably the target market of your Dream Clients, the solution you provided, the results achieved, culminating with a written recommendation or testimonial from the client you achieved the result for).

- 2. Testimonials or Recommendations from clients or customers. (Videos or in writing or both).
- 3. Guarantees (When structured and written correctly, are a form of risk reversal and a powerful marketing tool, yet they do not apply to all businesses.)
- 4. You can also offer your expertise with an informal chat about their objectives and some ideas you may have.

Remember:

You're not trying to 'sell them anything' at this stage, so keep the conversation casual.



Social Proof – Case Studies.

Important Point to Remember:

Do NOT Include Pricing of any kind in the information you send through to your prospect.

Why?

Because you do NOT want them making any kind of price based decision until you have taken the conversation to the next level, spoken to them and established that both your business and their company share mutual objectives, synergies and are a match!



Social Proof is all about establishing.







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Strategy.



Strategy to Connect with Your Top 20 Dream Clients.

- 1.) Compile a list of your Dream Clients.
- 2.) Research your target market.
- 3.) Position yourself as an authority within your industry.
- 4.) Identify the biggest challenges, 'threats' or pain points currently facing the industry of your Dream Clients.
- 5.) Make sure you have solutions to those challenges, problems, 'threats' or pain points currently faced by your Dream Clients.



Strategy to Connect with Your Top 20 Dream Clients.

6.) Prepare your Case Studies based on

a.) Identification of a problem, pain point etc experienced by an industry or a client,

- b.) The solution you provided,
- c.) The results achieved,

d.) Culminating with a Testimonial or Recommendation from the client.

- 7.) Your marketing towards your Dream Clients should be based on 'Results', therefore you want to be 'top of mind' in the minds of your Dream Clients with regular and consistent marketing, without being overpowering.
- 8.) Connect establish, build and nurture the relationship.
- 9.) Take the conversation to the next level, a Skype, Zoom or phone call, even a face to face meeting.





How to Profile Your Top 20 Dream Clients.



Dream Client Profile

Some quick research.

- 1.) Who are they?
- 2.) What kind of business are they in?
- 3.) Do they specialise in any particular areas?

If so then what are they?

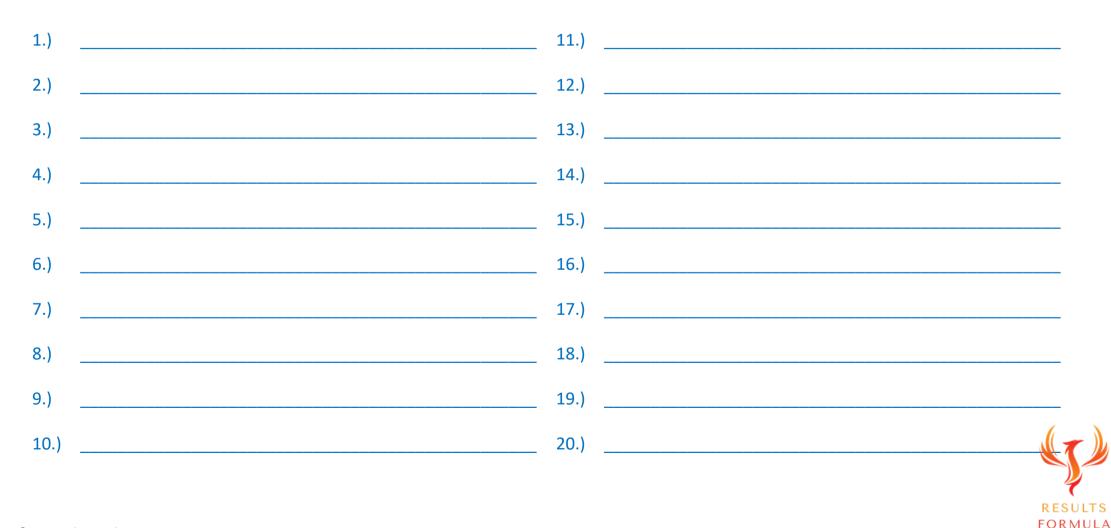
- 4.) Company size Number of Employees?
 - Number of branches?

Market share (If available)

5.) What are the biggest challenges, problems or pain points facing them right now?



1.) Who are Your Top 20 Dream Clients?



2.) What kind of business are they in?

Type of business? _____



3.) Do they specialise in any particular area?

Areas they specialise in



4.)

Company Size?

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Market share (if available)	



Step 5

Market Research.

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This can be done as part of a 'market research' questionnaire.

Whereby you can actually contact your prospective Top 20 Dream Client's, bypass the 'gatekeepers' and find out valuable information that will help you prepare viable solutions to their challenges that you can offer later when the time is right.



Identify the Best Solution You Offer.

Identify the challenges your Top 20 Dream Clients are currently experiencing that you can provide a viable solution to.



Research their Company & Industry.

Establish the challenges they're facing right now.

If necessary, you can actually ask them

'What are the biggest challenges, problems or threats that you, your company

or your industry are facing right now?'



What are the biggest challenges they or their clients/customers are facing right now?

Biggest challenges, problems or threats the company is facing right now

Biggest challenges, problems or threats their clients or customers are facing right now



Your Solution.

Your solution to the challenges, problems or threats their company is facing could be

Your solution to the challenges, problems or threats their clients or customers are facing could be



Step 6

Sales Navigator.



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LinkedIn Sales Navigator.

Find & target more of the right prospects, easier and faster than ever before.



LinkedIn Sales Navigator.

Remember: Linkedin is the world's largest database of businesses and their employees.

Sales Navigator will allow you to

- 1.) Find more of the right people and companies easier and faster.
 - 2.) Monitor prospects who are currently or recently active on LinkedIn.
 - 3.) See who's recently viewed your profile and when. (Also available with premium).
 - 4.) Interact, establish, build and nurture relationships with your prospects.
 - 5.) Set up saved prospect lists.
 - 6.) Keep notes about leads.
 - 7.) Save Leads.
 - 8.) Recommend other leads to you.
 - 9.) Integrate with Gmail, Outlook & CRM's.



SALES NAVIGATOR

1.) Define your search criteria for your Top 20 Dream Clients.

- 2.) Label and save prospect lists.
 - 3.) Search for your prospects recent activity.
 - 4.) Add prospects to your saved lists.
 - 5.) Within a short time Sales Navigator will populate the Sales Navigator newsfeed with posts and content of your Top 20 Dream Clients.
 - 6.) Interact, Like & Comment on the content of your Top 20 Dream Clients.
 - 7.) Ask them industry related questions about their favourite topic,

their business, their industry, their passions, interests etc.

8.) When the interaction is 2 way, you are now building the

relationship, <u>be patient</u>, this can take a little time.

9.) Reach out and 'Request to Connect'.



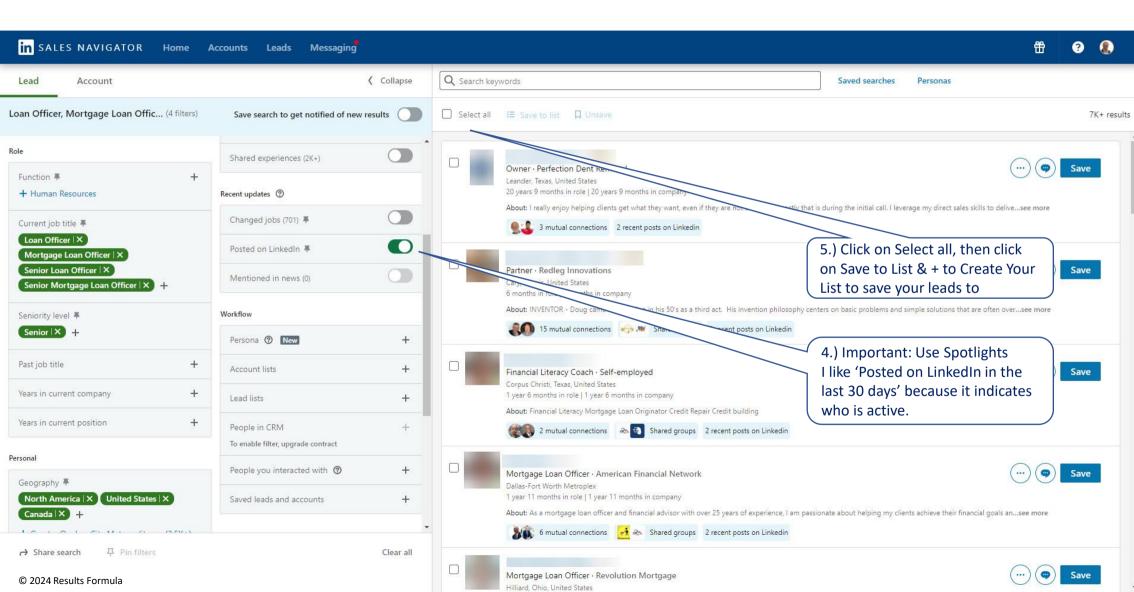
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To Save Your Leads in LinkedIn Sales Navigator.



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Saving your Leads in LinkedIn Sales Navigator.

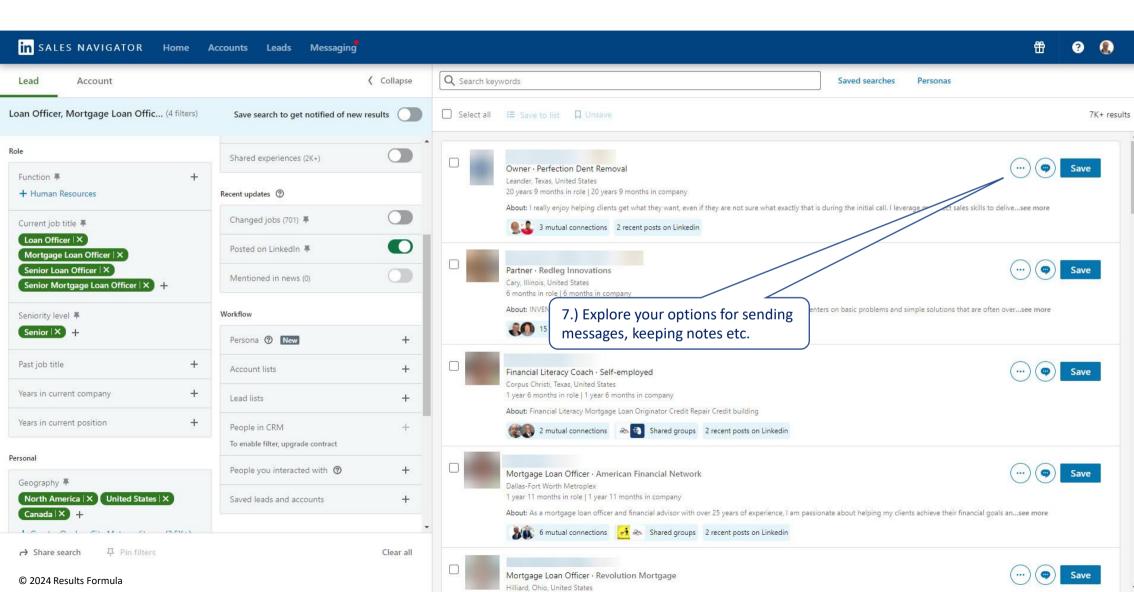
1.) Before you save any leads, check that you have selected the option that suits you best from

a.) Total results.

- b.) Changed jobs in the past 90 days.
- c.) Mentioned in the news in the past 30 days.
- d.) Posted on LinkedIn in the past 30 days.
- e.) Share experiences with you.
- f.) Leads that follow your company on LinkedIn.
- 2.) Then save your leads.
- 3.) Applying the 'Select All' option will allow you to <u>save 25 leads for that page only</u>, so scroll down, click the next page and save the next 25 leads and so on for each page of leads displayed.
- 4.) After you have saved your leads lists, then go through the list and remove any leads that do not meet your criteria.



To Message Your Leads in LinkedIn Sales Navigator.



SALES NAVIGATOR

To establish, build and nurture the relationship.

After you have saved prospects to your lead lists, Sales Navigator will start working for you, within a short time or so you will notice posts and content posted by your leads in the Sales Navigator newsfeed waiting for you to Like and Comment on.

1.) As regularly as possible, you should Like and Comment on the posts of your leads.

2.) By interacting, you are showing interest and becoming known to them, no longer are you a complete stranger!



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Step 7

Interact, Establish, Solution & S



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You will generate much stronger leads when you

Interact, Establish, Build & Nurture the Relationship with your prospects first.



1.) Once the interaction is 2 way, you should build on that, then reach out and connect.

2.) After a period of time, in some cases you will even find they reach out to connect with you.



Step 8

Connect.



Personalized Request to Connect Message example.

Your 'personalized' Request to Connect message (you're allowed upto 300 characters)

Make sure your open their profile!

Hi (first name)

I've enjoyed your recent content about (______) and I heard you and (______Insert their company name) are doing impressive things in the (______insert their industry).

I'm always looking to connect with the best in the industry and I thought it made sense to reach out to you.

So I thought I would invite you to connect, if you're open to that!

Kind Regards from

(Your Name)



Send a Personalised Thank You for Connecting message. Video, (preferred) Audio or Image.



Send a Personalised, 'Thank You for Connecting' video.

- 1. In your 'Thank you for Connecting' video, mention your prospect by their first name.
- 2. Make sure you DON'T pitch! (It's too early in the conversation).
- 3. No expensive equipment is required, record your video using your phone and a tripod, laptop etc.
- 4. Keep your video short, less than 60 seconds.
- 5. Mention any mutual areas of interest and how you like to 'Add Value' to your network.



Use your phone on a tripod to record your video.





Or a Personalised, 'Thank You for Connecting' image.

- Stand out with a simple, easy and alternative approach by sending a 'Thank you for Connecting' image.
- 2. Make sure that your image includes a picture of your holding up a personalized 'Note' or 'Card' aimed towards your prospect.
- 3. A template makes this approach quick and easy.



Personalized, 'Thank You for Connecting' example 1.

A pleasure to connect with you

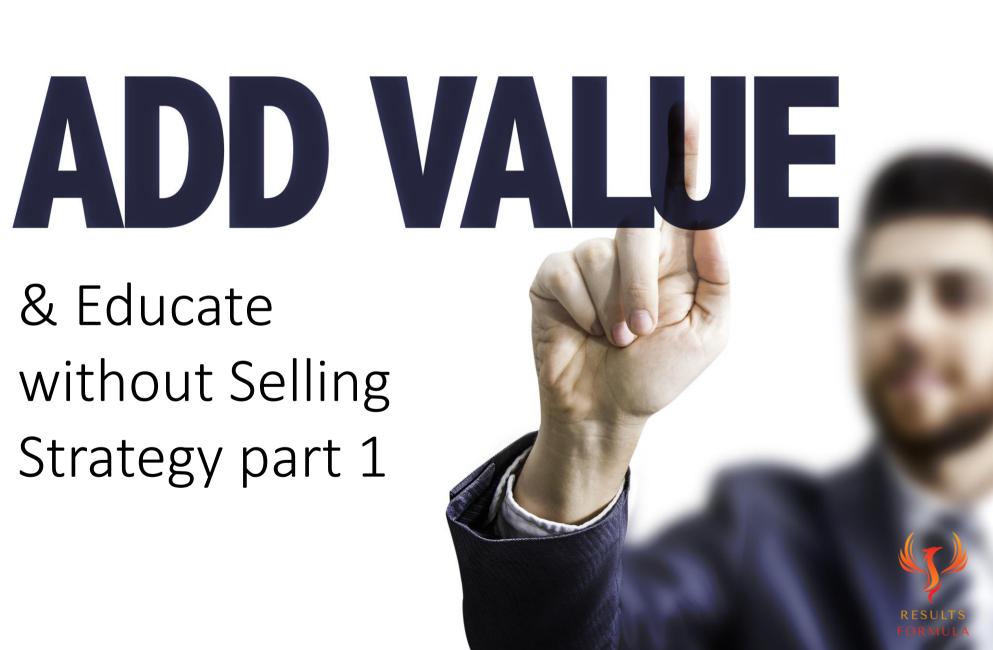
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Step 9

Add Value & Educate without Selling.



& Educate without Selling Strategy part 1



Research the Pain Points of Your Target Audience

Go to answerthepublic.com

AnswerThePublic listens into autocomplete data from search engines like Google then quickly cranks out every useful phrase and question people are asking around a specific keyword or search term.

It's a goldmine of consumer insight you can use to create fresh, ultra-useful content, products and services, based on the questions your target audience is asking.



Post a Poll About the Pain Points of Your Target Audience

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Add Value & Educate without Selling Strategy part 1

- 1. Post a Poll that describes a common 'pain point' experienced by your target audience, your prospects and their industry.
- 2. Send your prospects the link to your poll and ask them for their opinion, thoughts, and even their experiences related to the topic of your poll.



Your Poll Should Include

1.) Attention-grabbing headline that highlights a pain point common to your target audience.

2.) Detail a few of the most common frustrations related to the pain point experienced by your target audience.

3.) CTA – Ask your audience to share their opinions, thoughts or their own experiences in the comments below.

4.) Set the duration of your Poll to run for the longest period possible, 2 weeks.

5.) Set up your poll and make sure your Poll Question is directly related to your post Headline.6.) Give your audience 4 Answer options, upto 30 characters ea. 3 Options related to your Poll question.

7.) The 4th Answer option should be a CTA, such as 'Other – In the Comments Below'.



Poll Example:

What Are Your Preferred Work Hours?

* What Makes a Good Job? - Part 10 *

What Are Your Preferred Working Hours?

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Many people describe their job as working the regular 9 - 5.
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However, many people also work in jobs that require working after hours. I personally worked night shift for 4 years and loved every minute of it.

Many industry workers will work longer shifts also.

Those with their own business will probably tell you they work their own hours which can be many and vary week to week, month to month.

So the length or duration of a 'shift' for different jobs etc does vary!

Tell us below, what are your preferred work hours?



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& Educate without Selling Strategy part 2



Post an Article About the Solutions to the Pain Points of Your Target Audience.



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Add Value & Educate without Selling Strategy part 2

- 1. Write an article that details the results of your poll, and importantly includes easily applied and workable solutions to the pain points you mentioned.
- 2. Send the link to your article to your prospects and again ask them for their thoughts, opinions, and experiences etc.



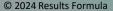
Your Article Should Include

- 1) Cover image Use Canva or Snappa to design a Cover Image for your article.
- 2) Attention-Grabbing Headline related to the pain point problems experienced by your target audience covered in your Poll and the solutions provided in the article.
 - Eg: 7 Easily Applied Solutions to 'Pain Point title' that will (Add Benefit) _____
- 3) Keep your article paragraphs short, preferably 1 3 sentences per paragraph.
- 4) <u>Briefly</u> detail the pain points commonly experienced by your target audience.
- 5) Describe what happens when the 'pain points' are not resolved.
- 6) Detail each of your 7 solutions, try to make the actual steps to apply your solutions as simple as possible.
- 7) Describe the results and outcomes experienced by others after they have applied your solutions.
- 8) Add just 1 or 2 brief testimonials (1 2 sentences maximum) from others who have applied your solutions.
- 9) Add images, charts, or quotes (5 10) where relevant to your article.
- 10) About You (Author)
- 11) Separate Website & Calendar links.



Your article should provide quick & easy solutions to the pain points of your target audience.





Step 10

Never Pitch on LinkedIn.



NEVER Connect with a prospect,

then for your next message send them a 'Sales Pitch' of any kind,

because the professional relationship is not yet established and

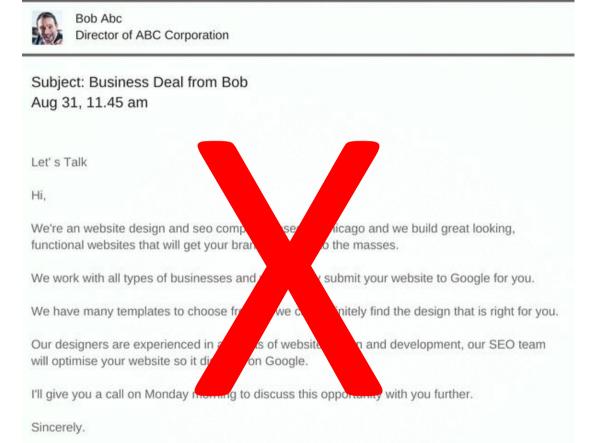
you will BLOW it!

In most cases it will result in a 'W O T' = Waste of Time!



What You Should <u>NEVER</u> do.

For Example:



Bob



Don't Be the Sales Pitch Guy!



Step 11

Take the Conversation to the Next Level.

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Take the Conversation to the Next Level.

The best time to ask the prospect about taking the conversation to the next level is when the prospect agrees to allow you to send through some further information about what you do, and how you would like to collaborate and possibly help each other.

Then send your Calendly link to your prospect – let them choose a time that works for them!

Important:

You have NOT asked for a call to discuss the information you want to send through, because this can sound a bit 'salesy', it can sound like you just want to 'pitch them' on the information about what you do. Instead, you are asking for a call to discuss some ideas you have.



Take the Conversation to the Next Level.

Your objective with your prospect is to get them to agree to either



A 1 on 1 Phone, Zoom Call etc,



Or a Face to Face meeting.



An Invitation to an Event,



An Invitation to a Webinar,



An Invitation to a Seminar,



A direct Email from you,



Step 12

Regional diversification

5%

RESULTS

34%

8%

12%

Consistent & Ongoing Marketing.

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Some prospects will initially be open to talking to you further, some more quickly than others.

Therefore.

You should apply consistent and ongoing marketing towards your remaining prospects, keeping you 'top of mind', further strengthening your 'positioning' as an authority within your industry and building on your credibility in their minds!



Consistent & Ongoing Marketing.

Your ongoing marketing towards your Top 20 Dream Client prospects should include

- 1.) Tag them in your posts on LinkedIn.
- 2.) Tag them in your articles on Linkedin, especially if those articles relate to the challenges they or their clients may be facing.
- 3.) Send the links to articles published in industry specific and leading online magazines.
- 4.) Send them a Case Study occasionally.
- 5.) Ask them questions to get the conversation started or to continue the conversation.
- 6.) Use regular 'Snail Mail' to send your prospects further information.
- 7.) Be consistent & also be patient.



Consistent & Ongoing Marketing.

REPEAT

Interaction, Building & Nurturing of the Relationship

until

You can take the conversation to the next level.



Step 13

FOLLOWUP & Inform.



There is a famous saying

There's a fortune in the follow up!



Remember

You miss 100% of the shots you don't take!



So Follow Up



the results will come!



X Your Business with Your Top 20 Dream Clients



Ultimately,

this strategy works,

it has been extremely profitable

for others before you.



However, just like many things in life,

if you find your approach hasn't achieved the results or outcomes you desired,

then just like all successful entrepreneurs before you, adjust or change your approach,

until it does generate the outcomes you're looking for.

Be Persistent!



A Quick Re-Cap.

After watching this video you should understand more about

- 1. Vital preparation prior to approaching Your Top 20 Dream Client Prospects.
- 2. How to apply the strategies involved.
- 3. How to establish, build and nurture the relationship.
- 4. How to Add Value & Educate without Selling to build credibility.
- 5. Taking the conversation to the next level.
- 6. Persistence pays!



Remember:

The Fastest Way to Achieving Results is to Apply. Just Get Started and Implement.





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