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TO IMMEDIATE & EXPONENTIAL

BUSINESS

GROWTH

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'Power Tools' You Can Use Today!

**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 Introduction

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Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a business that consistently and predictably realises 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:

1. First, you must have a product or service that is beneficial to those who buy it.
2. Second, your product or service must be wanted or needed by the end user.
3. Third, you must effectively make your prospects aware of the availability of your product or service.
4. 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 organisation 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 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.

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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 can generate a 30 to 40 percent increase in profitability over a 12 to 16 month period.

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Since most businesses lose around 19 percent of their customers each year, only 81 percent are left. But if that number were to increase to 86 percent your business would enjoy a 30 to 40 percent increase in profitability.

Remember that it costs six to eight times more to get a new customer than it does to keep an existing one, and it's 16 times easier to sell to an existing customer than to a new one. So when you compare the acquisition costs for getting new customers to like you, know you, trust you, and buy from you the first time, versus getting your existing customers to repurchase from you, the cost-to-sale difference is significantly different.

4. Increase The Number Of Referrals.

Getting new customers through referrals is one of the most cost effective methods there is for growing a business. Referrals from good customers are much easier to sell to because they're already somewhat "pre-sold." With conventional advertising it takes a certain amount of valuable time to create credibility and trustworthiness in the minds of prospects. But when a prospect comes as a result of a referral, that credibility and trustworthiness has already been established by the one who referred them.

5. Establish Referral Reward Programs.

Make it worthwhile for your customers who take the time and make the effort to tell others about the benefits of doing business with you can do a lot to bolster the number of referrals you get.

Simple things like movie passes, restaurant gift certificates, car washes, manicures, or samples of some of the additional products or services you provide make good choices. The reward for a referral should be perceived as high value to your customer, but low cost to you.

6. Reactivate Former Customers.

Every company, including yours, has former customers – those who used to do business with them but for one reason or another have stopped and are now doing

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business with a competitor, or maybe not even using your products or services any longer.

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.

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5 Ways To Generate More Income From Existing Customers

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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.

Cross-selling, or suggesting that your customer buys an additional item that they didn't intend to purchase, is another effective way to increase the size of the order. Asking if a customer wants fries with their hamburger and drink is an example of how a fast food restaurant uses this technique.

Packaging, bundling, or combining several items together and giving a discounted price is another way to get your customers to spend just a little more and get a better value. Happy meals or Value meals are an example of this technique.

Each of these techniques only adds a little more to the total cost of the meal, and aside from the actual hard costs of the additional products, that "little more" is pure profit since there are no advertising, marketing or acquisition costs involved.

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.

The **third principle** for growing a business, is to Increase The Efficiency Of Your Business.

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5 Ways To Increase The Efficiency Of The Business Operation And Its Margins

This is probably one of the most overlooked areas to building and sustaining a profitable business. Yet, it has so much potential for making a positive impact on your bottom line.

1. Control Or Reduce Expenses.

Getting a handle on where your money is going is critical. Most businesses have an incredible amount of waste, not only in actual money lost, but in human capital – lost or wasted time by their employees and staff. You need to keep a very tight reign over any expenditures, and money should only be spent after careful consideration and analysis as to how it will contribute to your bottom line profits.

One of the biggest money wasters is the area of advertising and marketing. Careful testing of ads and promotions should be carried out in small runs before “rolling out” to your entire list or to the marketplace. Direct response ads with enticing and compelling offers should always be used in place of more traditional image or institutional ads. When you consider how much it “costs” to bring in a dollar of actual profit and then see how easy it is to spend that money and not get a positive return, it’s not hard to see why so many businesses have a difficult time showing a positive balance at the end of the year.

2. Increase Profit Margins.

Profit margins are the difference between what the product or service you offer costs you to make, produce, purchase, or acquire, versus what you sell it for, and after deducting sales, processing, fulfillment, and delivery costs. The more steps there are in the process from production or acquisition to delivery, the more room there is for excess costs to creep in, and the lower the profit margin will be. Every effort should be made to monitor, control and slash costs whenever possible. Remember, a simple two dollar saving on a twenty dollar product can add up to 20 percent more profit for your business.

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3. Manage Time More Effectively.

Every person on the face of the earth has exactly the same number of hours, minutes and seconds in their day – every day. No one has an advantage in this area. It's true that we all have different jobs, tasks, priorities, and responsibilities, and those all require different amounts of our time, but you can significantly increase your available time if you will take stock of where you are, what you're spending your time on, and then effectively employ the principle of delegation.

By concentrating on things that matter most, or that only you can do, and then delegating the lesser important tasks to the lowest competency level person that can handle them, you'll have more time to focus on the important priorities – the things that can make you real money.

4. Increase Staff's Knowledge And Competence.

How many times have you called a business and asked a question, only to have the person on the other end of the phone act like they had no idea of what you were talking about or where to get the answer? It happens all the time. Unfortunately, with today's labor laws it's much more difficult to get rid of incompetent, rude or uncaring employees without the threat of lawsuits or other problems.

Knowing how to hire the right employees is becoming more critical, as well as how they're trained to handle different situations that come up in your business. It's surprising how few businesses have regular staff or employee training meetings. And for those who do, most of their meetings have to do with administrative duties, and are "reactive" in their approach. By changing your focus and conducting "proactive" meetings – how to deal with certain situations, sell more effectively, show interest in customers, and so on., will do a lot to not only improve your company's image, but will also be a contributing factor to your profitability.

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5. Create A teamwork Approach.

You cannot afford to run your businesses with a “super star” mentality. Just as in any team sport, to be truly effective, it takes the entire team to make a company run smoothly and efficiently. Want to know how to make your company more responsive to the needs of your customers? Hold a team meeting. Invite people from every department – sales, 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.

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

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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 customer 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 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.

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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 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.

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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, 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.

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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.

1. Audio Recordings/Pod Casts
2. Video Recordings
3. Webinars
4. Testimonials
5. Social Media
6. Magazine Articles
7. Advertorial's (long copy ads)
8. On-hold Messages
9. Business Cards as Ads
10. Books
11. Brochures
12. Trade Show Booths
13. Flea Market Stands
14. Fairs
15. Bulletin Boards/Electronic
16. Web Sites
17. Landing Pages
18. Billboards
19. Piggy back Mailings
20. Co-op Advertising
21. Joint Ventures
22. Endorsed Mailings
23. Cross Promotions/Selling
24. Conferences
25. Coupons
26. Sponsor Community Service
27. Catalogues
28. Consultations
29. Contests
30. Prize Draws
31. Training Workshops
32. Taxi Ad's
33. Celebrity Endorsements
34. Correspondence Courses
35. Newspaper/ Magazine Columns
36. Calendars
37. House To House Canvassing
38. Direct Mail
39. Distributors
40. Donations
41. Demonstrations
42. Samples

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43. Directories
 44. Exhibits
 45. Flyers/Handouts
 46. Fund Raisers
 47. Gifts
 48. Gift Certificates
 49. Newsletter Inserts
 50. Magazine Inserts
 51. Newspaper Inserts
 52. Invitation Only Events
 53. Breakfast Seminars
 54. Private Unveilings
 55. Previews
 56. Personalized Letters
 57. Directory Listings
 58. Loss leaders
 59. Magazine Ads
 60. Newspaper Ads
 61. Classified Ad's
 62. Supermarket Boards
 63. Matchbook Advertising
 64. Cinema Ads
 65. Newsletters
 66. New Product Releases
 67. Personal Sales Contacts
 68. Post Cards
 69. Party Plans
 70. Networking Events
 71. Posters
 72. Paid/Unpaid Public Speaking
 73. Point of Purchase Advertising
 74. Placemats in Restaurants
 75. Publicity/Press Releases
 76. Per Inquiry Ads
 77. Personal Letters
 78. Radio Ads
 79. Interviews On Audio/Video
 80. Radio/Telephone Interviews
 81. TV Talk Shows
 82. TV Infomercials
 83. Reports/Special Reports
 84. Referrals

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85. Recorded Phone Messages
 86. Voice Mail
 87. Pay Per Click
 88. Pay Per View
 89. On-Line Catalogues
 90. Seminars
 91. Vendor Sponsored Events
 92. Statement Stuffers
 93. Manufacturers Sales Rep
 94. Direct Sales People
 95. Bag Stuffers
 96. Sponsored Events
 97. Special Events
 98. Signs
 99. Marquee/Banner Signs
 100. Moving Displays
 101. Store Window Displays
 102. Surveys
 103. Inbound Telemarketing
 104. Outbound Telemarketing
 105. T-shirt Advertising
 106. Bumper Sticker Ads
 107. On-Vehicle Advertising
 108. Workshops
 109. Word-of-Mouth
 110. Online Directories
 111. Package Advertising
 112. In-Package Advertising
 113. 1- 800 Numbers
 114. Gift Baskets
 115. Association Memberships
 116. Letters to the Editor
 117. Customer Mailing Lists
 118. Petrol Pump Ad's
 119. Affinity Sales
 120. Centres of Influence

More Help For Your Business

Working with some of Australia’s most successful companies, as well as hundreds of small and medium size businesses, the business development consultants of SBP Business Advisors 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. 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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All The Tools, Systems And Methodology To Give You An Unfair Advantage In Your Marketplace

Over the years the principles that are at the foundation of the SBP Business Advisors 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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- Uncover and profit from the hidden assets to be found in your business.
- Quickly, simply and effectively increase sales to your current customers by 10%, 35% and even 90% or more, with no additional marketing costs.
- Advertise your business for absolutely no cost.
- Create passionate and undying customer loyalty to permanently keep your competitors out.
- Find, acquire, keep and motivate superstar salespeople and employees.
- Live and enjoy greater success by speedily building a business that is highly profitable and will run itself.
- Make your business 100% recession proof in 30 days or less.
- Get and use testimonials to dramatically boost your sales.
- Price test to garner maximum profit from every sale you make.
- Add an immediate \$5,000 to \$10,000 in new found profits in the next 30 days.
- Double, triple, even quadruple your sales conversion rate.
- And much, much more...