

#### **COACHING PROSPECTING:**

## How to Boost Your Team's Results

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#### **No Easy Buttons**





### Stalled Sales Cycles



#### **Customers Can't Decide**

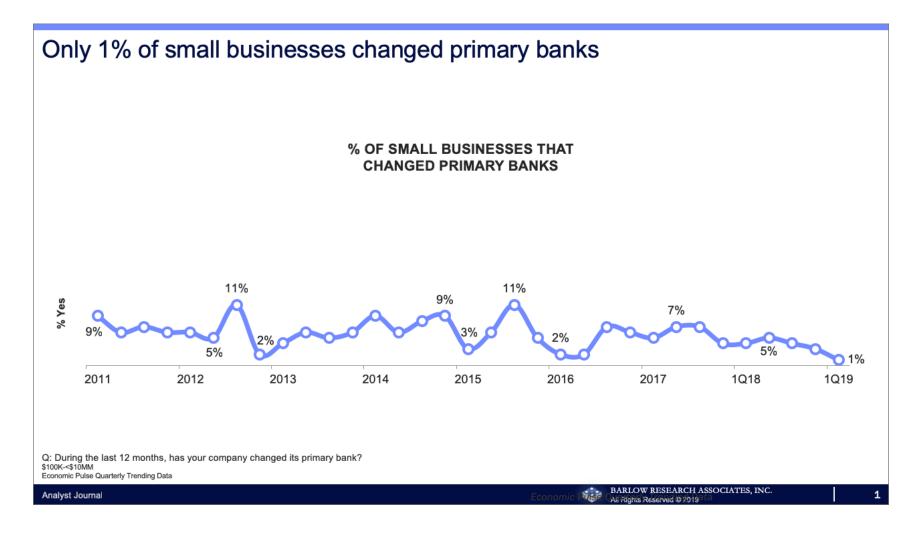






# RMs Unable to Penetrate New Accounts

#### 2019 Barlow Research Bombshell





### It's Tougher Out There

- Selling is more difficult than at any time in the past 30 years
- Sales cycles are getting longer
- It's more difficult than ever to reach decision makers
- Fewer decision makers are making decisions without first getting consensus
- Salespeople must be able to sell consultatively in order to differentiate themselves
- The gap between elite salespeople and mediocre salespeople is growing larger

Source: Dave Kurlan, "How Dramatically Has Selling Changed?"



"In most of our client banks, the top 20% of commercial lenders produce about 60% of the total commercial portfolio. But, the really impressive part is that they not only produce more volume, they also produce more profitable deals as measured by risk adjusted ROE."

Carl Ryden | PrecisionLender



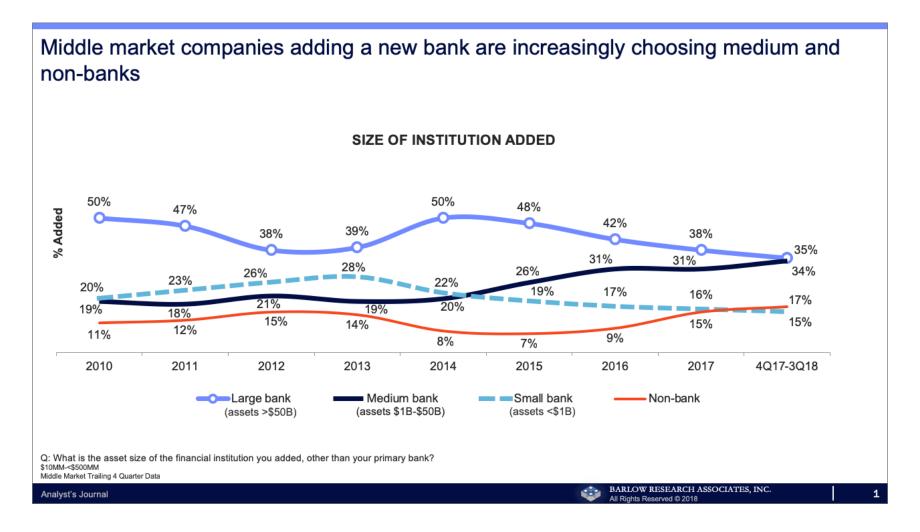
#### **Personal Accountability**

"Each of us has a responsibility to produce results. We owe this to ourselves, to the company that employs us, and to our clients. We cannot fulfill this responsibility without managing ourselves."

-- Anthony Iannarino, "Seizing Your Sales Destiny"



#### **Opting for Non-Banks and Medium Banks**

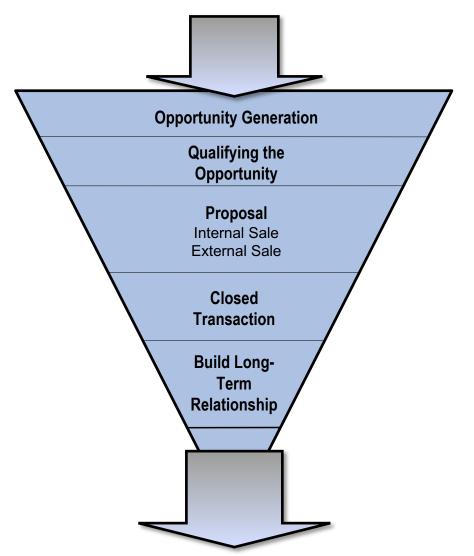




## Amazon has \$3BN small business loan portfolio



#### The 2 Big Funnel Questions



Are you finding enough business?

Are you winning enough business?



#### It's Not Just About Commercial Loans

Business Services: 15-years, \$10,000,000 in sales.

Business		65% of the	
DDA	DDA	"Relationship"	
MMA	MMA		
Web-Based Banking/Cash Management	Web-Based Banking		
Line of Credit	Investments		
Equipment Loan or Lease	Retirement Planning/Retirement Plan		
Commercial Mortgage	Jumbo Mortgage		
401(k)	HELOC		
Liability Insurance	Life Insurance		
Key Man Insurance, Buy/Sell Agreement			
Total: 9		Total: 8	



If you're a sales leader, you're thinking about your team



#### **Big Picture**

Can you/ your team be more effective in prospecting?

How much more effective can you be?

What will it take to accomplish that?

How can you do it?



"My job is to get 100% out of everybody and everybody is 100% different." --Tim Ryan, CEO of PwC

Source: Fortune, February 21, 2017

# Are Top Prospectors "Naturals"?



#### **Are Top Salespeople Born or Made?**

"The true answer is that the overwhelming majority of top salespeople are gifted with <u>innate</u> talents. However, many others are <u>self-made successes</u> who have learned how to apply their <u>language</u> specialization and build their intuition. They know <u>what accounts</u> they should spend their time on and always navigate to powerful <u>decision-makers</u> in order to create the opportunity to persuade them to buy."

- Steve Martin

Source: Harvard Business Review August 29, 2011





Not this Steve Martin

## This Steve Martin



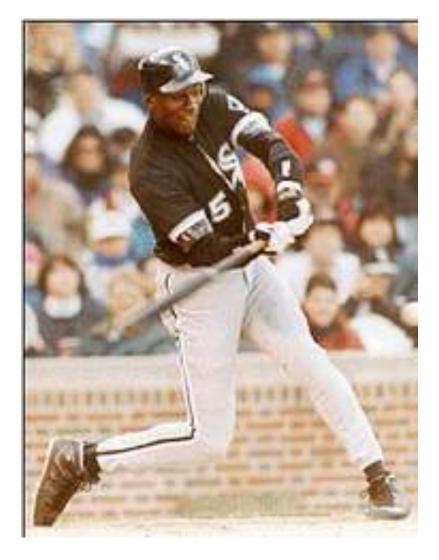
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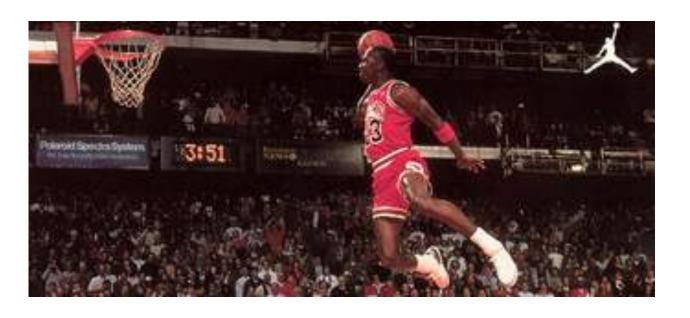
#### Sports DNA: Michael Jordan had it





#### Or Did He? Sports DNA in Context



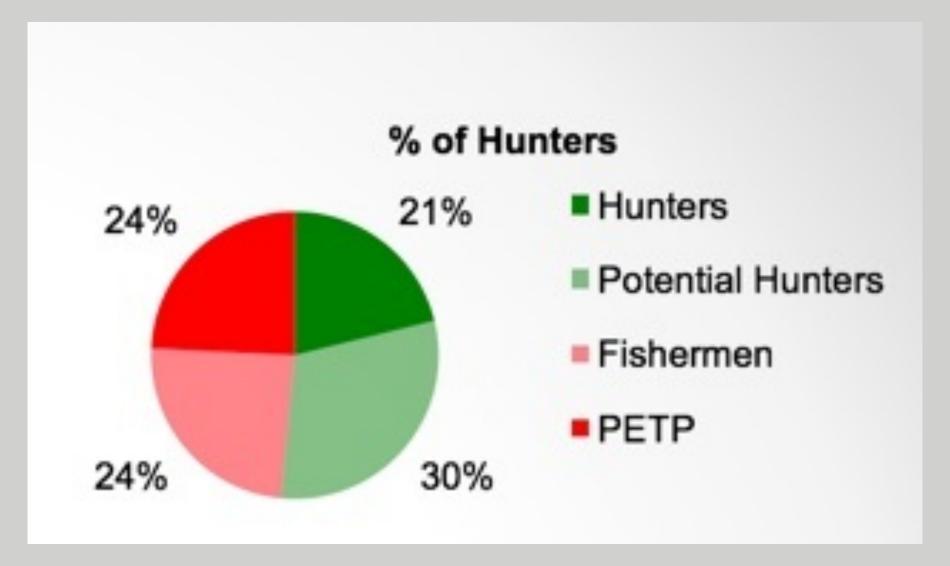


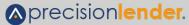


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#### **OMG** Research on Inside Sales Teams

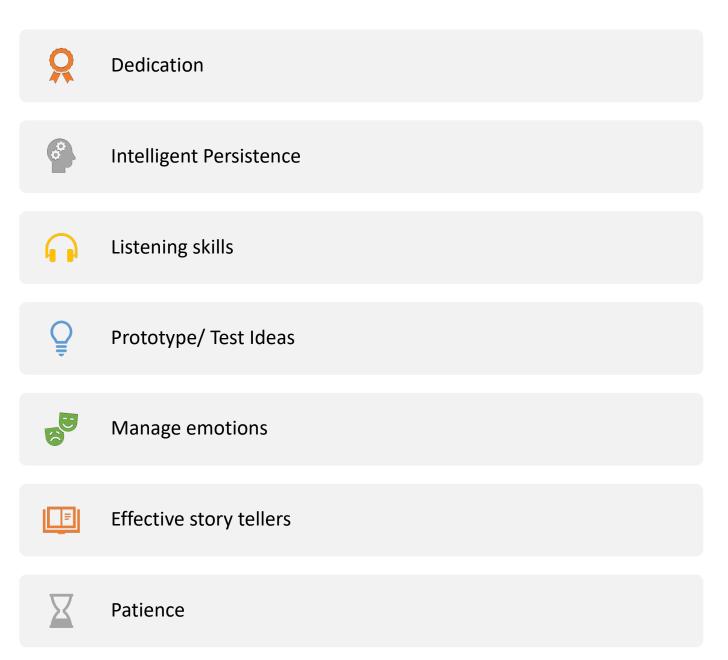




# Wakeup Exercise: Traits of a great prospector

Think of a banker you know who is a great prospector. List three things about this person that make him/ her successful at acquiring new clients.

### Common Traits of Great Prospectors





"Perseverance and passion for long-term goals"

#### **GRIT**



Individuals high in grit were able to maintain their determination and motivation over long periods despite experiences with failure and adversity.



Grit is a better predictor of success than intellectual talent (IQ)

# Behaviors > Activities > Results



What's the best advice you ever received on prospecting?

"The only way sales happen is if you batch your efforts and have a strategy. I was told when I got started by my first boss to shut my door for 3-hours a week and do nothing except set up prospect / referral source / COI calls and research who I should be calling on. This strategy still works today."

- State President, Regional Bank

# 7 Things Successful Prospectors Do

- Know market
- Focus on right companies
- Prepare
- Leverage team members
- Build network—and use it
- Persist
- Manage themselves
   — Top prospectors are their own best sales managers!

#### The Mundanity of Excellence

"Superlative performance is really a confluence of dozens of small skills or activities, each one learned or stumbled upon, which have been completely drilled into habit and then fitted together in a synthesized whole. There is nothing extraordinary or superhuman in any of these actions."

--Dan Chambliss

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#### **Stage 3 Behaviors**

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- Effectively uses Senior Management to build "vertical" client relationships.

#### Take-Home Exercise: Assess Your Team (or Your Own Skills)

- Determine what stage they are in—you can use decimals (1.75, 2.25, 3.5).
- When in doubt, assign a lower rating.
- Determine what behaviors you would focus on as part of your coaching strategy. **Pick 1 or 2 at most**.





"Little things add up, they become big things. That's what I tried to teach my players in practice. You're not going to make a great improvement today. Maybe you'll make a little bit. But tomorrow it's a little more, and the next day a little more."

--John Wooden

### Reasons for Switching

### Reasons for switching banking providers: What bankers think vs. SMBs

#### Bank Executives SMBs Competitive fees from another bank Competitive fees from another bank 31% 35% Declined for loan or credit product Referrals from other companies 29% 35% Does not have desired Declined for loan or credit product commercial product or service 33% Unable to customize services or Unable to customize services or products to individual needs products to individual needs 33% 20% Referrals from other companies Inconsistent/complicated pricing structure Outdated banking processes Failure to resolve problems quickly and courteously 17% Failure to resolve problems quickly and courteously Poor customer service 22% 15% Outdated banking processes Inconsistent/complicated pricing structure 20% 14% Does not have desired commercial product or service Poor customer service

# Prospecting Tip: Ask for Introductions/ Referrals

- 66% of Business Owners are willing to provide referrals to Bankers. But to get the referral you will have to ask; and most Bankers don't ask.
- Only 22% of small-to-medium-size Business
   Owners have been asked for a referral in the past
   24 months.

Source: Greenwich Research

What's Your Plan?



"Remember, we're not here to hobnob.
We're here to schmooze."







**Business Acumen?** 

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### RMs Need to Up Their Game

#### Salespeople Require Different Competencies than They Did Two Decades Ago

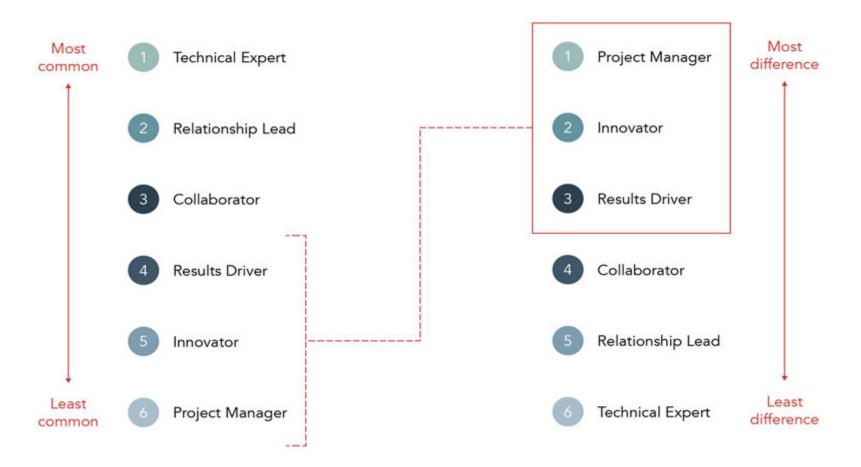
Hiring managers are now looking for people who can analyze data, think strategically, and learn the business.

	PERCENT APPEARANCE IN JOB PROFILES				PERCENT APPEARANCE IN JOB PROFILES		
TOP COMPETENCIES IN THE PAST	PRE- 2000	2000- 2009	2010- 2014	TOP COMPETENCIES TODAY	PRE- 2000	2000- 2009	2010- 2014
Develops sales leads	30%	12	8	Prioritizes tasks through logical analysis	10%	15	17
Commits time and effort to ensure success	20	12	6	Embraces strategic vision/ implements corporate	0	8	13
Qualifies prospects with standard probes	45	9	7	direction Ability to learn the business	0	2	10
Willingness to deal with multiple tasks	20	7	3	Controlled work approach	5	3	8

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#### Competencies Most Commonly Played Across All Organizations (Source RAIN Group)

#### Competencies Most Separating Top Performers



#### The New Salesperson

"A salesperson has to be really smart about a lot of things that they've never been smart about. Not just the buyer's journey but the buyer's world, what's happening in their organization, their issues and challenges, what's on their plate? Their priorities, they have to be really cognizant of how things changing in the economy and in their business or even industry are impacting their customer. They have to be able to tailor their messaging and their conversation. They need to tailor it all so it fits and so it ties in exactly with what people are talking about. It really takes a lot of work."

- Jill Konrath, How to Sell to a Complex Buyer



#### **The Trust Equation**

Trust= <u>Credibility + Reliability + Intimacy</u>
Self-Orientation

Source: The Trust Equation: A Primer

#### **Typical Challenges facing RMs**

- 1. Time Management/Not Enough Time to get out of the office
- 2. Prospects need a compelling reason to change
- 3. Call Preparation/Not enough time to research prospects
- 4. Deciding which prospects to go after
- 5. Hard to set up appointments with decision makers
- 6. Buyers' market—tough to negotiate
- 7. ???



### **Not Enough Time**



#### The Challenger Model

#### Courtesy of the Sales Executive Council

#### THE HARD WORKER (21% OF SAMPLE)



- Always willing to go the extra mile
- Doesn't give up easily
- Self-motivated
- Interested in feedback and development

#### THE CHALLENGER (27% OF SAMPLE)



- Always has a different view of the world
- Understands the customer's business
- Loves to debate
- Pushes the customer

#### THE RELATIONSHIP BUILDER (21% OF SAMPLE)



- Builds strong advocates in customer organization
- Generous in giving time to help others
- Gets along with everyone

#### THE LONE WOLF (18% OF SAMPLE)



- Follows own instincts
- Self-assured
- Difficult to control

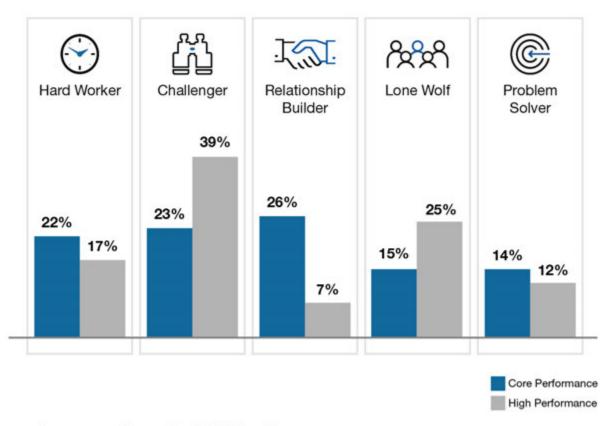
#### THE PROBLEM SOLVER (14% OF SAMPLE)



- Reliably responds to internal and external stakeholders
- Ensures that all problems are solved
- Detail-oriented



#### Percentage of Core versus High Performers Per Profile



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n = 683. Source: Gartner

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#### Business Acumen vs. Product Acumen

- Business Acumen is bringing Business Issue "Insights" and Unsolicited Ideas to the table
- Product Acumen is important in reactive situations but is less of a differentiator in proactive situations

#### **Are Generalists Lenders Doomed?**

"Being a generalist lender often condemns a bank to subpar returns, intense competitive pressures, and frustrated customers. The middle market requires banks to develop expertise in several areas usually, but not always, industry-based."

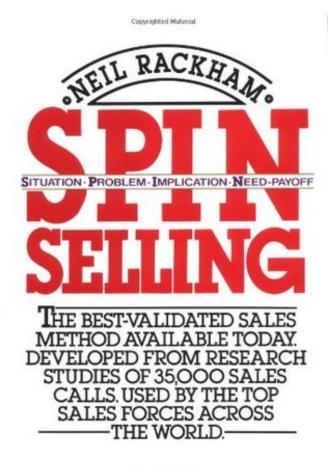
-- Charles Wendel, President Financial Institutions Consulting



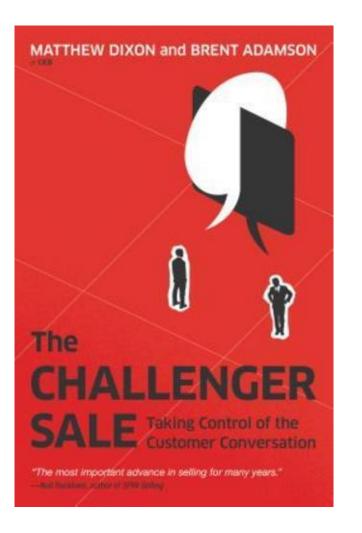
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#### Research Into What Makes High-Performers Different

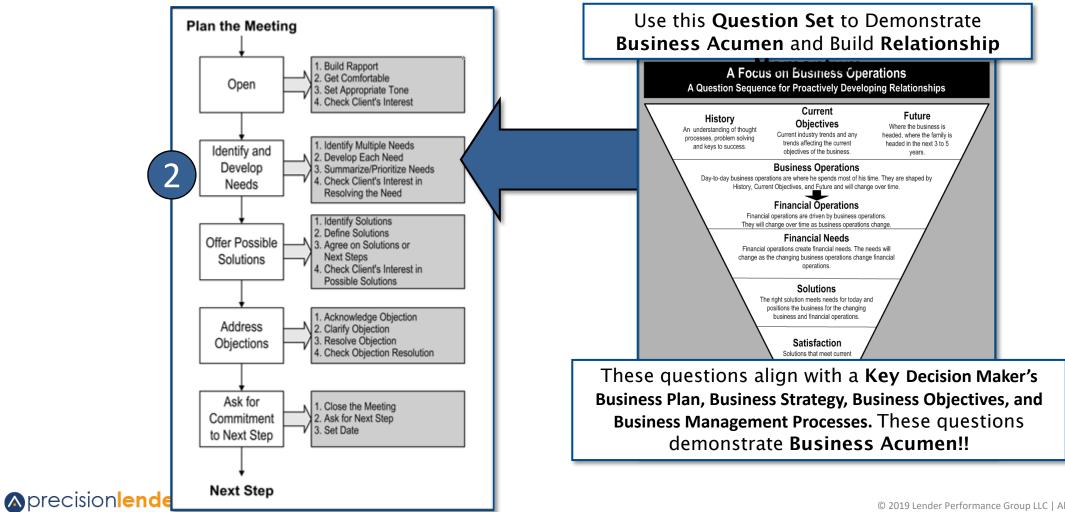




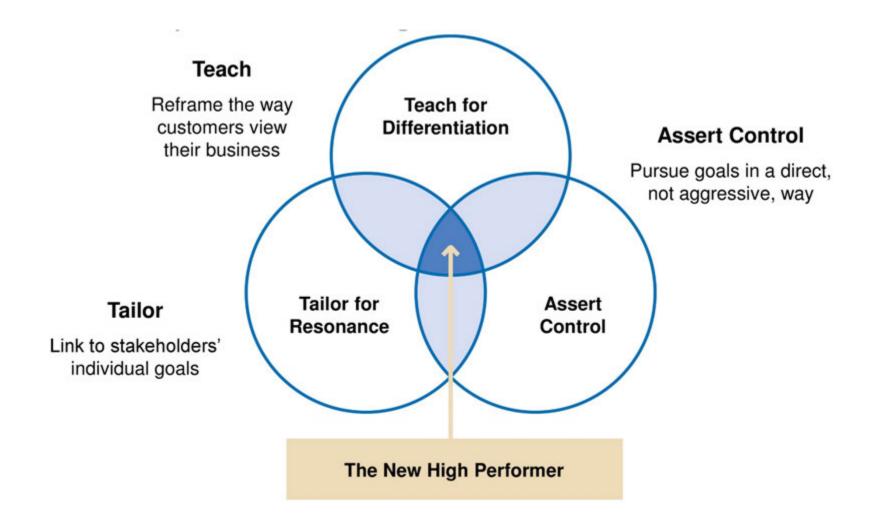




#### Changing the Conversation to "Business Acumen": It's about the **Questions, Stupid!**



#### The New High Performer (Source: Gartner)

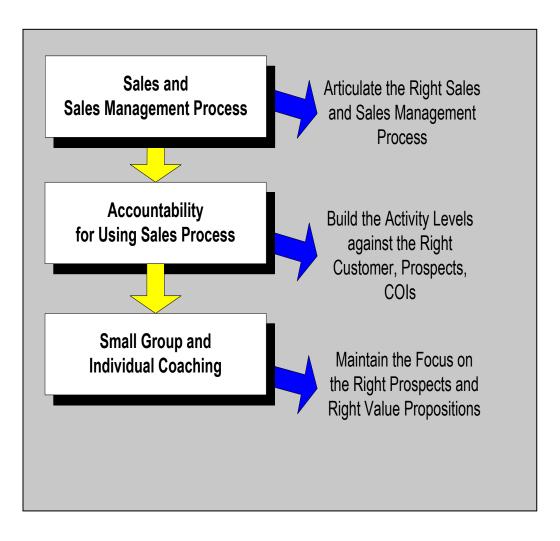




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- Do you have a sales process that your team follows?

#### Process, Accountability and Coaching



Not **one** of these can build the Right Process.

It takes all three!



#### **Coaching Complements Other Motivators**

Intrinsic Attributes and "Self" Motivators	Support Structures	Extrinsic Motivators
Critical Thinking Skills	Clear Direction	Challenging Goals
Language Skills	On-Going Guidance	Visible Accountability
Social Skills	Immediate Feedback	Monetary Incentives
Aptitude for Technology	Recognition of Performance	
Personal Discipline	Peer Influence	
Passion, Interest, Curiosity		
Sense of Urgency		







#### 7 Mistakes Sales Leaders Make

- Overemphasizing prospecting. . . "Don't forget your best Clients."
- Not providing direction on which prospects to target. . . "Build a list of the prospects you want to do business with."
- Not coaching bankers on how to leverage their network (and that includes clients, COIs, senior management, directors, etc.). . . "Use referrals and testimonials to get appointments."
- Not having a process for generating leads. . . "Coach the top of the funnel."
- The Super-Rep Syndrome. . . "Teach them all to fish."
- Not understanding your bankers' default value propositions . . . "Coach to the value proposition that you believe in."
- Defining success too narrowly. . . "Celebrate the small victories."

#### **Not Everybody Is Coachable**

"While a positive view of past performance has many positive benefits, it can also make it difficult to change behavior, hear disconfirming information, or objectively rate performance. About 85% of professionals rate themselves in the top 20% of their peer group."

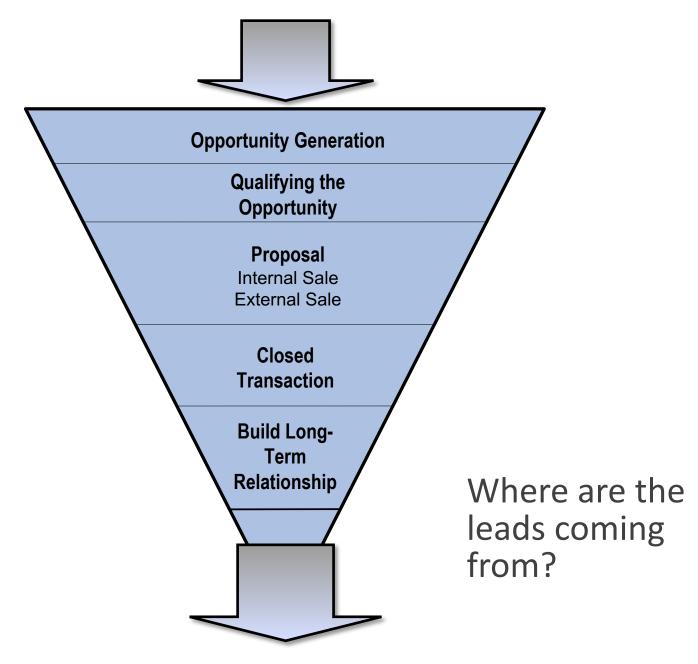
-- Marshall Goldsmith



# Coaching Tip 1: Assess your Talent



#### Coaching Tip 2: Coach the Top of the Funnel



#### What are you coaching? (Source: Vantage Point Performance)

	Call Management	Opportunity Management	Account Management	Market Management
Content of the Interaction	<ul><li>Call objectives</li><li>Call execution</li></ul>	<ul><li> Quality</li><li> Buyer needs</li><li> Competitive positioning</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Company and customer goals</li> <li>Mutual value creation</li> <li>Planning with LOB partners</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Customer focus</li><li>Prioritization of effort</li></ul>
Nature of Coaching	Tactical     Interpersonal	Strategic     Contextual	<ul><li>Strategic</li><li>Business acumen</li></ul>	Analytic     Tactical
Frequency	<ul><li>As needed</li><li>Fairly frequent</li></ul>	<ul><li>Opportunity-driven</li><li>1 on 1 preferred</li></ul>	<ul><li>Periodic</li><li>Typically quarterly</li></ul>	<ul><li>Periodic analysis</li><li>Monthly / Quarterly</li></ul>
Common Tools	<ul><li>Call plans</li><li>Quick Reference Guides (QRGs)</li></ul>	<ul><li>Opportunity plans</li><li>QRGs</li><li>Pipeline reports</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Relationship plans / Client profiles</li> <li>Key performance indicators</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prioritized customer / prospect segments</li> <li>Data.com</li> <li>Desired call patterns</li> </ul>



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#### Coaching Tip 3: More Preflight Conversations



### **How Buyers Really Buy**

Dissonance → Problem Worth Solving → Options → Assessing Risks → Commitment



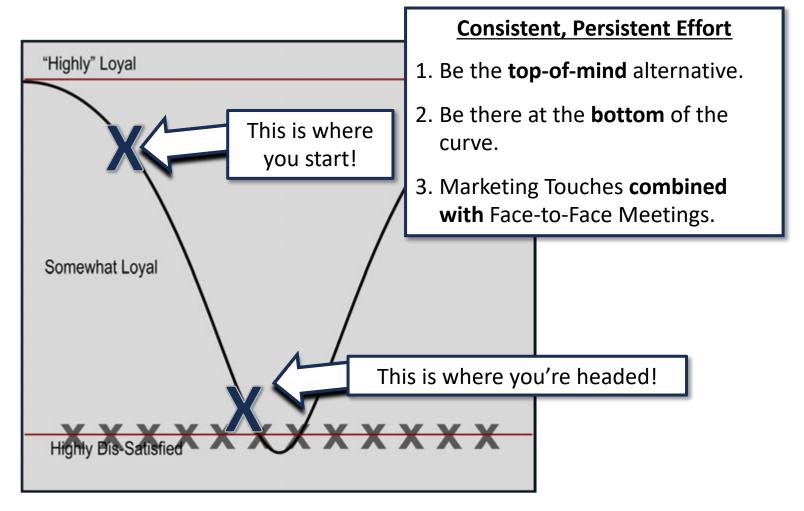
#### **Prospect's Decision Journey**



How will Prospect view you/bank differently? What will Prospect do? What is value to Prospect?

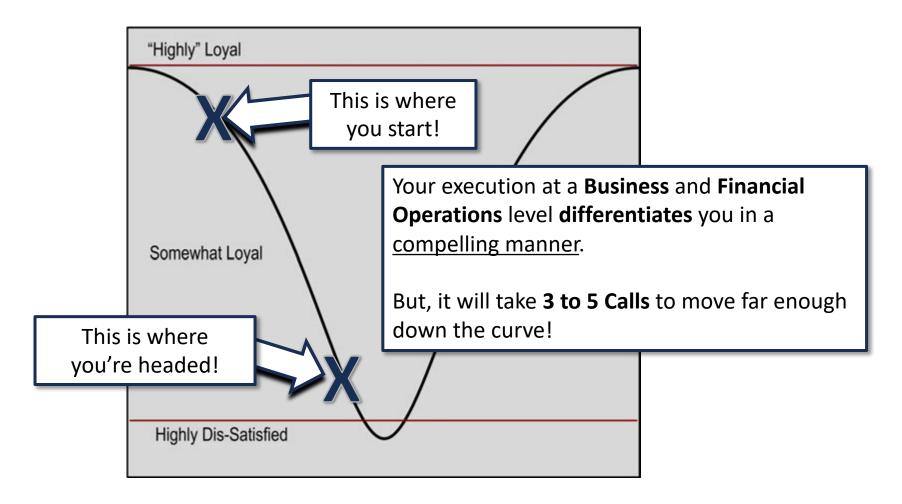


#### **Prospecting Model #1: Consistent, Persistent Effort**





#### **Prospecting Model #2: The Compelling Message**





# Trading Value

Every sales interaction needs to have its own value proposition

Weak: "I'd like to learn more about your company. Can we meet next week?"

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Better: "I'd like to schedule a meeting to learn more about the challenge you are having so I can get a better understanding of your options. I'll be prepared to share some things we have done to help other people with similar challenges to explore what might make sense for you. What does your calendar look like?"



#### **Value for Time**

- What insights/ ideas will help them produce better results?
- What ideas will provide them with deeper understanding of dissonance they are experiencing?
- What can you tell prospects that they don't know—beyond your product set?

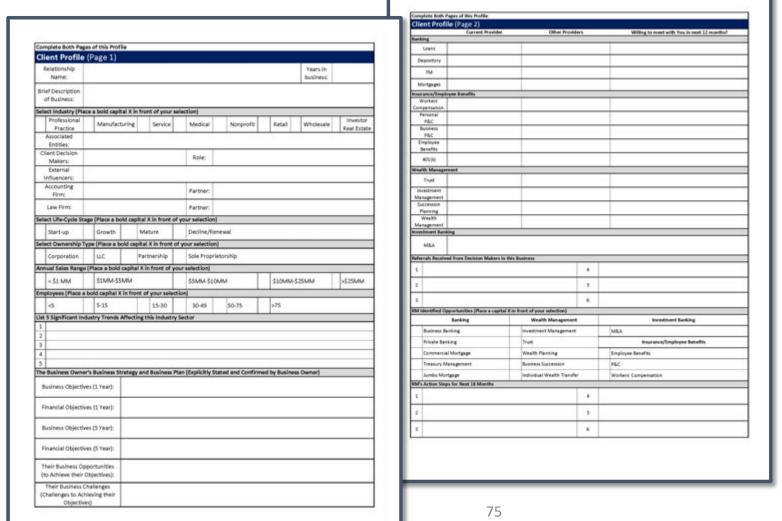
The CEO
Perspective on
What's
Keeping You
Up at Night?

"Your job isn't to ask me what's keeping me up at night. It's to tell me what should be."

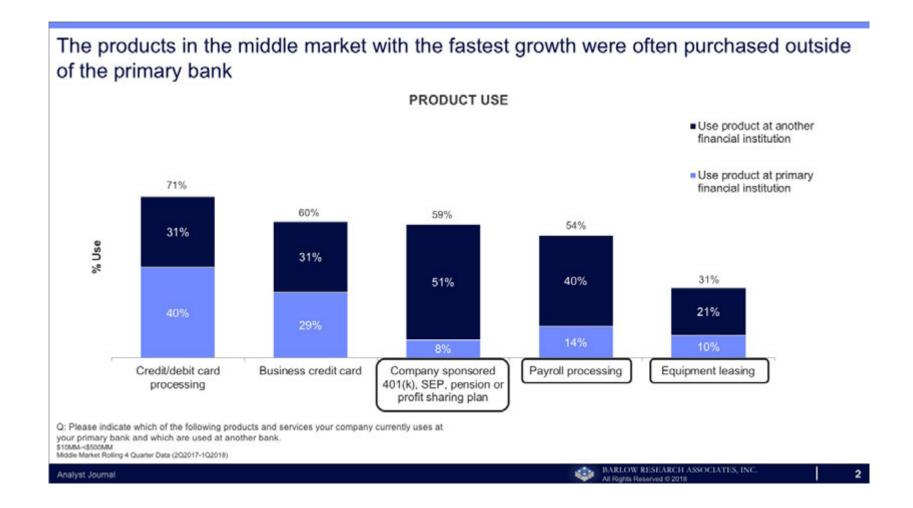
#### **More Relationship Plans**

A <u>Relationship Plan</u> lets multiple eyes, multiple brains uncover opportunities, build

a strategy and plan the next steps



#### Market Research: Chipping Away with Products



## Coaching Tip 4: Do Post-Mortems



# Critical Role of Team Leaders

"Bank effectiveness in the middle market requires at least as much emphasis on Team Leaders as on RMs. Too often, Team Leaders are more bureaucrats than sales leaders and coaches, communicating the wrong priorities to the RMs. When sales performance lags, senior leaders typically blame, train, or fire relationship managers rather than examining team leaders who should be responsible for leading, coaching, and developing their team members and team leader job design."

--Charles Wendel



## Questions



### Lou Holtz

"When all is said and done, more is said than done."

# What does the Relationship Manager need?

- A sales and negotiation tool that gives them constant and immediate options on how they can improve a deal.
- A sales & negotiation tool.
- Focus on what is most important to the borrower.
- Tools that help them win better deals, build stronger relationships and build a better brand for the commercial bank.

#### Here are ways to reach the target:

Increase the Initial Rate by 7 bps

Add \$4,870 to the Initial Fees

Add 0.24% to the Initial Fees

Reduce LTV to 76%

Reduce Maturity to 45 months

Consumer DDA of \$71k reaches opportunity target

Commercial DDA of \$880k reaches opportunity target

DDA Earning Credit of \$87k reaches opportunity target

#### Here are things to consider:

If a Floating or Adjustable rate is an option



Ask Andi your question...

OK

### Thank you!



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