

# How to unleash your eustomer's inner urge to BUY NOW

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Part 4

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## "Your price is too high."

Your price is always going to be too high to everyone who can't afford it.

But, you shouldn't worry about it.

When I started out in business, I continuously made the blunder of pricing everything low enough that almost everyone could afford it. Sometimes it meant barely making a profit.

Eventually I learned to price according to the value of the benefit my customer was getting when he got my product.

By pricing very low, I ended up selling a lot. And I built a list of raving fans who really appreciated the great value I'd given them. But I was working my tail off and not really making any money.

It's a wonderful head trip being appreciated by so many. But it would have been nice to make enough to pay some bills or have a night out.

Sometimes greed makes marketers price themselves too high. They set the price according to the amount of money they want to make so they can buy their dream castle or a fancy new car. Usually they'll quickly learn this strategy doesn't work either. Their profit margin may be 1,000%. But they can't sell enough to pay for their advertising or overhead. Plus they aren't building a list of happy customers they can sell other stuff to.

# There's only one way to know the right price for your product.

First, you have to know the value of the benefit to your customer. A fast food meal might only be worth a few dollars to a customer. But a product to cure cancer might be worth millions.

If your little tin of tomato fertilizer costing you 50 cents to make, will make ten acres of tomatoes grow six times as large and in half the time, plus taste better than any award winning tomato... maybe it's worth a lot. Maybe \$1,000? Maybe \$5,000? (I'd dearly love to have a worthwhile

product with that kind of margin for profit.)

Here's the deal...

No matter the price, there are going to be plenty of folks who will say you're charging too much. Even if you give it away free, someone will cry about having to make a free phone call to get it.

But... we don't care about those people.

# I can't give a shit about trying to persuade someone to buy my \$20 product,who can't afford a cup of coffee.

It's impossible.

The only people I care about persuading are the ones who actually have \$20 and would benefit from having my product. Then, all I must do is show the prospect how buying my \$20 product is going to benefit him more than if he spent the \$20 somewhere else.

If my product has a lot of competition... I not only need to demonstrate how the benefit is worth more than his \$20... but that my product will give him greater benefit than if he gave that \$20 to my competitor.

# Sometimes you can pull off charging more than your competitor, for a

similarproduct... when your customer isn't aware of the competitor's product. Years ago, I got in the habit of frequenting a particular gas station whenever I needed a fill up. I thought I was being pretty shrewd to always go to this station which I thought had the cheapest gas price in my area.

Then, one day, I took a different route than usual. Only three blocks from my usual station, was another station. And their gas was 21 cents cheaper. That would be a couple dollars cheaper per fill up. A little investigation... and I learned this station was nearly always that much cheaper than all the other stations in my area. But, for years, I'd been happily buying my gas at the first station... unaware of the other.

If you were running a dry cleaning business that advertised 24 hour service plus free delivery... you will attract people who want 24 hour service and free delivery. You could probably even raise your prices higher than your competitor.

The mere fact the dry cleaner down the street has been getting things cleaned for people 24 hours a day and delivering at no charge for many years doesn't matter... as long as they haven't pointed it out to anyone.

Usually, though, you'll have to figure some way to demonstrate how your prospect will get a better benefit... or a different benefit that he also wants, when he buys from you instead of the competition.

Does this mean I must always offer a better product than everyone else? You know that's not the way it works.

Just look at all the poorly run, lousy businesses selling second rate products or services. A lot of them are making money hand over fist anyway. How is this possible?

Sometimes they just find some way to spotlight some great benefit they're offering their customers. And it doesn'teven matter their competitor's products also provide the same benefit... maybe even doing it better. If that competitor never bothers to mention that added benefit in their marketing.

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# <u>Issue #205</u>

Greetings from Colleen's Corner!

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One of the best and busiest seasons is here now for mail order and mlm! If you have a program, product or service now is the time to give it a big push for the next few months. Also, be aware that mail delivery starts slowing down during this time of the year. However, when January arrives it is another great time to push your business!

You will note that often some information in this editorial is repeated for several months. Why? We have new readers EVERY month. In fact, 75% of people reading this have never seen an issue before! Some will subscribe, some will advertise, and some will just put it aside.

Normally we offer a special at the beginning of a new year. This year we are giving away \$1,000 in Restaurant Coupons Nationwide. You can save up to \$1,000 from restaurants like KFC, Arby's, Subway, Taco Bell, Burger King, Boston Market, Ruby Tuesday's and many many more! Simply send a long self-addressed envelope to us and we will send you one of these special certificates FREE. We have 240 to give away and once they are gone they are gone. Don't delay because I don't want to disappoint anyone!

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I have been very happy with several programs over the past few months including Phase 10, The Ultimate Program, The Money funnel and Gushing \$10s and \$50. You also may find that one or more of these is a good investment.

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Direct Mail Essentials has just announced a new program for 2019. I have done business with them for many years and always found them to be very profitable. Full page flyer follows this editorial.

Issue #206 will be mailed a few days late. Don't panic! Now and then I leave for a few days to get refreshed! Easy to get cabin fever this time of the year, right?

I am not responsible for anyone's ads other than my own. If you have a problem, please write or call the dealer. Always be courteous.

The next deadlines are at noon January  $25^{th}$  and February  $25^{th}$  at noon. Remember, these deadlines are carved in stone!

Until next time,

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