## **Selling To Increase Profits**

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### **SELLING TO INCREASE PROFITS**

- Refresh Selling Skills
- Strengthen Online Presence
- Partner With Other Businesses
- Review Product Lines
- Embrace DIY Events



# Refresh Selling Skills



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- Be In Control
- Listen
- Suggest/Recommend
  - Tim Huckabee
    - "Ask fewer questions, give more advice."
    - "Don't be afraid to hear NO!"
    - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVc2cufKAGk&i</u> <u>ndex=1&list=PLHO479vaqRNzL1U-</u> <u>BAEfDxGg09HIKwl0D</u>
- Add-ons ... Add-ons ... Add-ons
- Use Website As Online Catalog





# Strengthen Online Presence

### STRENGTHEN ONLINE PRESENCE

- Paid Placement
  - Google AdWords
  - Bing Ads
- DIY vs FTD
- Good Content in Website
- Good Links

- Inbound & Outbound





### **STRENGTHEN ONLINE PRESENCE**

- Social Media
  - Facebook
  - YouTube
  - Instagram
  - Twitter
  - Pinterest

Top 15 Most Popular Social Networking Sites MILLIONS 200 400 600 1 000 1 200 1 400 1 600 1 800 2 000 Facebook YouTube Twitter Instagram Reddit Vine **Monthly Visitors** Ask.fm Pinterest Flickr Tumblr Google+ LinkedIn VK ClassMates ■ Meetup DreamGROW



### STRENGTHEN ONLINE PRESENCE

- Social Media
  - Dedicate quality time to it
    - Be focused
  - Social vs Traditional Media
- Negative Reviews
  - Remain Positive
    - Webinar 12/5/17
- YouTube
  - Educates
  - Increases website exposure



**Check Out Our** 

**Customer Reviews** 

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# Partner With Other Businesses

- Obvious Partners
  - Funeral Homes, Hotels/Venues, Restaurants/Caterers, Bridal Shops
- Potential Partners
  - Jewelry Stores, Barber/Salons, Car
    Dealerships, Realtors, Veterinary Clinics
- Occasional Partners
  - Accountants/Tax Offices, Theatres, Business Grand Openings, Chamber Socials



- Paid
  - Receive full sale from this partnership
  - "Obvious" partners
- Discounted
  - Provide product at reduced rate
  - "Potential" partners
- Free
  - NSA gift
  - "Occasional" Partners
    - Select high traffic businesses



### PARTNER WITH OTHER BUSINESSES

Create Your Own Card

### ABC Flower Shop ABCFlowerShop.com 1234 Main Street - Flower Town, USA - 555.555.5555



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1120 E Main Street - Downtown Radford 540.731.4472







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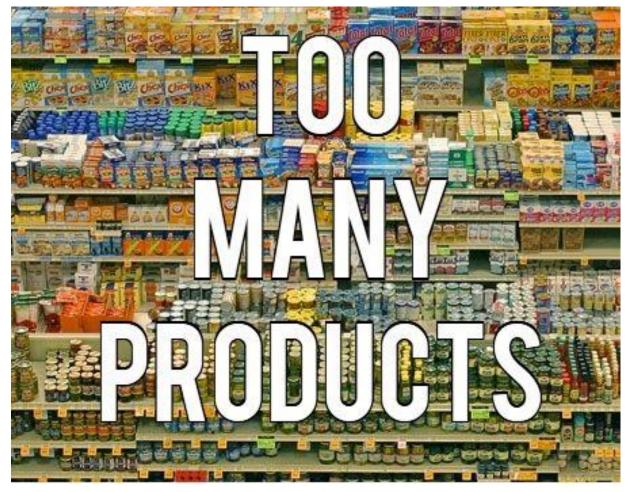




# **Review Product Lines**

### **REVIEW PRODUCT LINES**

Review Inventory



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### **REVIEW PRODUCT LINES**

- Review Inventory
  - Logically vs Emotionally
  - Remove worn/damaged/dated
    - Plush
    - Balloons
    - Plants
    - Gifts
    - Food Products
    - Decorative fragrances
    - Permanent flowers



- Add/Delete Inventory
  - Most profitable
  - Least profitable
- Gift Cards/Certificates
- Pre-Sell Items
  - Flowers of the Month (or Quarter)
    - Every season change
- Use Others' Inventory
  - Only buy when you sell



### **REVIEW PRODUCT LINES**





FTD WebGifts is a consumer direct service offering floral and nonfloral gift items for you to sell on your website



No inventory to buy/maintain

Compete with online gift companies





**Offer national brands** 





#### **Top WebGifts Flower Bouquets**



WGF187 Mixed Bouquet Vase Included \$39.99 + shipping



WGF416 12 stems Red Roses Vase Included \$39.99 + shipping



WGFH01 Mixed Bouquet Vase Included \$39.99 + shipping



WGF103 Mixed Bouquet Vase Included \$49.99 + shipping



WGF492 12 stems Mixed Roses w/Vase \$39.99 + shipping



WGTULMIX 15 stems Mixed Tulips w/Vase \$44.99 + shipping

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WGFK376 Lavender Fields-Vase Included \$39.99 + shipping



WGBD19 12 stems Rainbow Roses w/Vase \$79.99 + shipping



#### **Top WebGifts Gifts**



WGC532 Mrs. Fields® Happy Birthday Bear \$34.99 + shipping



WGX946 Mrs. Field's Get Well Scrubs Bear \$44.99 + shipping



WGC543 Mrs. Fields® Thank You Mini Trunk – Good \$24.99 + shipping



WGX950 Mrs. Fields® Classic Tin with Brownie and Cookie Assortment \$34.99 + shipping



WGL117 Lindt Lovable Bear with Truffles – Good \$19.99 + shipping



WGB525 Fruit and Cheese Box \$39.99 + shipping



WGGF66 Kosher Fruit Basket \$39.99 + shipping



#### **Top WebGifts Plants**









WGP409 Peace Lily Plant \$39.99 + shipping

WGPB41 Blossoming Abundance Gardenia Bonsai - 6" \$49.99 + shipping

WGP119 Blooming Azalea Bonsai 8 inch \$39.99 + shipping

WGPB34 Peace & Prosperity Braided Money Tree \$39.99 + shipping



WGPB11 Blossoming Abundance Gardenia Bonsai – 8 \$64.99 + shipping





WGPS21 Lighthearted Moments Mini Rose Plant \$24.99 + shipping

WGP120 Double Lucky Pyramid Bamboo \$44.99 + shipping



### WebGifts Holiday Examples - New styles each holiday!



**WGG947** 

Mother's Day Tea Basket



WGGF419 Mother's Day Sweets Gourmet Gift Basket



WGG719 Father's Day Caddy Snack



WGG314 Halloween Treats



WGG398 Fall Fruit Basket



WGG406 Christmas Sweets Tower



WGPT23 Christmas Mini-Tree







# **Embrace DIY Events**

#### **EMBRACE DIY EVENTS**

• Change your mindset

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"While we have only a small piece of the pie, we own the whipped cream."



### **EMBRACE DIY EVENTS**

- What do we have to offer DIYers?
  - Flowers
  - Containers
  - Accessories
  - Tools
  - Work room
  - Cooler space
  - Knowledge



- Flowers
  - Review Competition
    - Fiftyflowers.com
    - GlobalRose.com
    - BloomsByTheBox.com
  - Pricing
    - Bunch vs LTB
    - Processed vs unprocessed
  - Educate on care & handling
  - Educate on "shrinkage"



- Containers
  - Sell vs Rent
    - Stock glass
    - FTD containers





- Accessories
  - Ribbon/Bows
  - Wire/Tape/Glue
  - Floral Food/Finishing Sprays/Color Sprays
  - Wristlet Forms/Bags/Pins
  - Glue Dots
  - Foam/Cages
  - Water Tubes/Wraps



- Tools
  - Sell
  - Rent if on premise
- Design Area & Cooler space
  - Rent or free as incentive
  - Time slots
  - Liability waiver





- Knowledge
  - Most of what we know is already on the web
    - Make it our own so they look no further
  - YouTube
    - Create your channel
      - Plan topics
    - Create videos or borrow from other sites
  - Website
    - List policies & procedures
    - List pricing if feasible
    - Care & Handling



- Avoid disappointment
  - Create written rules/prices/policies
    - Care & Handling
    - Payment/Deposit
    - Pick up/Delivery procedures
  - Excel Calculator





# **Questions?**

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