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John Bowen: As entrepreneurs we are out there, we want to make a difference, but nothing happens until a sales happens. As entrepreneurs we are, often times, our biggest salesmen, we're the rainmaker, we're making things happen, but we can't scale it up unless we have a great sales team. Well I have one of the top experts in the world with us today. He's going to share with you how you can build an unbelievable sales team that you can not only identify the right people to be on your team, bring them on, make sure that they have big success early on, but that they stay with you. Not only do they help you 10X your business, but you help them 10X their personal goals. It is an amazing win-wing. Stay tuned, you do not want to miss this if you want to grow your business dramatically.

Randy, I am so excited to have you here today. You and I have hung out together in a bunch of mastermind groups, and I have heard nothing but good things about the work you do, and then I've seen you. You're brainstorming with the other entrepreneurs, you just constantly add all kinds of value as a serial entrepreneur, but really in the sales area. First of all, thank you for joining us.

Randy Schwantz: It's my pleasure, I'm glad to be here John.

John: Randy give me a little back story, because I want to dive in. There is no way that when we start talking about 10X-ing a business that you can do it without a sales team, and you are the guy that's making a huge difference in sales. I want to ... Every fellow entrepreneur wants it, but I want to see how did you get to where you are today? Give me a little bit of background.

Randy: Yeah, well it'd been great to tell you that I was the best sales person on the planet, and I just taught everybody how to do what I did, but it's not true. My dad was a sales guy, I wanted to be a sales guy, and had a lot of admiration for my dad. He was a fighter pilot, flew a P-47 Thunderbolt. I kind of followed him, I wanted to be like him, and so as I got out of high school, I'm also one of those guys didn't go to college. I mean that was kind of a challenge for me, and so I got into the world, started selling, ran in some big obstacles, and then that's when I became a student. I learned how to sell, made a pretty good living for about 10 years, and you remember back in the 80s when the real estate thing just crashed almost like the same thing we in '07, '08, here.

John: I remember it well. I had personally guaranteed a \$6,000,000 real estate loan, but that's another story.

Randy: That is probably a painful story.

John: I do remember that one.

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Randy: Yeah, well I remember it all too well too. I ended up going to work for a sales training firm, started doing sales training for them, loved the stuff, couldn't stand the guy, and then I broke out on my own. Ultimately ended up in a niche that there was just always a well-defined incumbent, somebody had to lose for you to win. That's kind of ... My history is moving all the way up to that, and then 22 years ago is when I started this company called The Wedge. That's what I've been doing for the last 22 years, teaching people how to sell, how to get the competition fired.

John: I think that's such a subtle lesson that you've learned, and you share with your fellow entrepreneurs, and I want to make sure everybody heard that. If you're selling B to B, then unless somebody gets fired, you don't get the role typically. There's not a new service that's being created, usually. That's the wedge. Randy, that's ... It's one of the best things about being successful as an entrepreneur is understanding the framing of how you pull this all together. When I think about it, help me out, we've got entrepreneurs here who are selling professional services, we've got some selling widgets, we've got everything between. Differentiate, kind of, from a service and a product, how that works.

Randy: Yeah, awesome. When I look at any business, you just mentioned it, I break it down to 3 components, what I would have the seller do. Out of that comes price, product, or service. What I find is we don't want people selling a price, because we're giving away all the profit, and even when we do, many times, the incumbent comes back and can match it, and keep it. Number 2, look at most of their products, whether it's financial services, insurance, accounting, you pick a lot of things, the product is kind of the same, it becomes kind of commoditized. We find it's true almost in every industry, been around for a little while, it's commoditized. The last component is service. When I look at service I break it down to 2 components, the reactive, and the proactive. Reactive means, John, if you have a problem, I'm going to call you back, I'll follow up with email, I'll solve your problem, and I'll be there for you.

The problem is the standards there are so high, it's hard to trump the bad guys in area of reactive service, so then the last component, the most important thing this whole deal is really what I call proactive services. In a very simple deal, is like if you're my prospect, and we'll think that Bob is here in the room with us, is the simple black and white things I do that Bob doesn't do, that's where you, my prospect, is being under served by him, but you don't know it. I help people build that product of services platform, and then we'll go farther there, but that's kind of the basis of it.

John: One of the things, Randy, when we're selling, and we're doing all this, one of the biggest challenges I think most sales people find is that, just as you talked about, price, easy to compete on, but not the right thing to compete on, clearly. In today's world with the internet, such a great facilitator product, almost impossible to compete on because there's ... We've

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got products everywhere. Services, I like that whole idea of the proactive service. How do you differentiate though, because one of the things when I survey ... We're just doing a big survey on entrepreneurs, and my other business is coaching financial advisors. Everybody says they give great service, and I think what they imply on that is that they're giving proactive service. How do you differentiate the winning sales people, winning sales teams, from these I give great service to actually delivering a great experience?

Randy: You're right, everybody says they give great service. Most people believe they give proactive service, but here's the big challenge, when you ask them to tell you what it is, they can't. That's the secret to they're not being proactive service. In many times ... It's almost like in your core business, your coaching business, I mean all the financial advisors, they believe they give good service, and they will update the financial planner every once in a while, they might even re-balance the portfolio, and they do some other things. The question is do they have a written plan in place that says here's when they're going to do those services. If they do, then they're a proactive services firm. Most people that say they give good service, there is no written service plan in place, the client doesn't know what's going to happen when, and because that, that's why those clients are vulnerable to to be able to take away with something called the wedge, when you can help them identify that.

An example would be, also like insurance, let's go personal insurance just real quick. You look at most entrepreneurs we have on the phone, even if they're VIP people with the Marsh, and the Aions, and the Willis of the world. Some of them are, many of them are not probably, but they're buying things, they're buying and selling cars, they're turning garages into man caves, they're turning closets into wine cellars. Here's the big question, if the average person called them up and said, just like this, "Hey John, I'd like to talk to you about your personal insurance," chances are you'd say, "Thanks, no thanks, I'm already covered." That's what you would say to me isn't it?

John: Yes.

Randy: Yes, and so if I were sharp on my feet, and I was doing the same thing, and I would ask, "Hey John, in the last 12, 24, months, have you done anything nice for the home?" Turn the cellar ... Closet into a wine cellar, or turn the garage into a man cave, any of that stuff. Just say yes for the sake of example.

John: Well, and I have too. I have a wife that's very good to me and likes construction and remodeling.

Randy: Sweet. Here would be an example of a proactive services wedge. "John can I ask you this? When your personal insurance broker meets with you about 60 days before you renewal to do a complete exposure analysis for you and your family. They get out this

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checklist of all the potential exposures someone like you would have, one column to check yes if you got the coverage in place, another column check no for what you have no coverage, and then talk about those things that are not insured. Told you what you could buy, and that way you wouldn't have to worry about getting hit with a huge claim you have to pay out of your own pocket? Are you comfortable with how they go through that with you?"

John: You already know the answers.

Randy: I do.

John: I'm trying to remember did they even call me 60 days before, and the answer is no, typically. I actually do have a good one, but the answer is now for 99 point something percent of them out there.

Randy: Right.

John: Randy that's the wedge that you use to get people, kind of, to stop from ... One of the things about marketing and sales we have to start a conversation, and if you just call and say, "Hey would you like some new insurance, or would you like a new widget, or new accounting, or this or that?" Almost every busy, successful, individual is going to say no.

Randy: Right.

John: By defining, and I always like the term framing, but you're creating that wedge right away that that's pretty powerful. That is like ... Tell me more, what are you talking about? I'm going to go to.

Randy: Yeah, and here's what we've seen to be incredibly powerful in 2 places. Number one, you hire a new sales person, think about this honestly. What do they have to sell? They don't have knowledge, they don't have experience, and they don't really have a lot of relationships. They don't have what most people go in and sell and calling I've been doing this for 20 years. How do you help them be really successful fast? Well if you, as an entrepreneur, the owner, will commit to building what I call a proactive services platform, committing to be a proactive services firm, not just a products firm. If you owned a bank, John, I'd go, "Hey John, be a banker but commit to being a proactive services firm that does banking." Or if you're an attorney, "Be a products service firm that does law," or "Be a products services."

The productization, all that stuff, everybody has access to the same old crap, right? If you can commit to that proactive services firm, now you're ... I got this really strong belief. For most entrepreneurs out there that are trying to build a business, the difference between where they

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are today, and where they're going to be in about 5 years from now, is in direct proportion to their ability to develop a sales team. If they do an incredible job of that, they'll get exponential growth, if they do a poor job with that, not so good. Then how do you find those guys? How do you when you bring them in? How do you give them something concrete to sell to differentiate themselves that's beyond the product that everybody has? How do you run sales meetings that continue to make them get stronger so that they're prepared, and then you give them the sales call conversation to do exactly what you're talking about, and all becomes systemic rather than piece meal, if you will.

John: Before we go to sales team I want to just come back a little bit more Randy. I'm taking a bunch of notes here on the very first thing many of us are in businesses that are commoditized in the sense that ... I'm going to argue, almost every business can be commoditized, that's what the internet is so good at. It be disruptive, I can become digital, the whole thing. Now, what you're doing, and I think this is so important for all of us to do, is not only are we making it a service whenever we do, so it's ongoing. One of the things I love about services is ongoing revenue, long term relationship, as entrepreneurs we love reoccurring revenue that we can acquire a client, do a great job for them, but have them long term.

Second part, though, and I think this is the most important part, is what we're defining the experience that we're going to deliver, the proactive service, you called, the proactive service company. This is a real opportunity, because we can get feedback from the marketplace, are we creating the wedge as you talk about? From that standpoint that differentiates us, but when we had to deliver it we got to deliver on our promise. If we do that, boy so few firms really deliver on their promises. I mean it's an amazing thing. First people don't want to promise anything, and if you force them to do it, they will, but then they don't follow through.

Randy: Bingo, so when you ... That's where it goes back to for this to be amazingly effective, is when the entrepreneur commits to it, they get their sales people selling this way, they get their sales manager running and coaching this way, and they get their support staff building it. Look, let's be candid, you probably can't deliver this kind of service to all clients. That's when the 80-20 rule fits in. It's like, you know, 80% of your revenue comes from about 20% of your clients, let's make sure that group of clients, those 20%, the written service plan is in place, that's how we're serving them, and then you'll retain them for a lifetime. They'll have the best experience they've ever had, and then guess what? They also become great, great, great introduction sources.

John: One of the things we as entrepreneurs get so frustrated that we don't get the referrals we think we've earned. Well you have to earn them, you have to deliver this experience, and we do, it's an amazing. Let's go now to you talked about the creating a team, and let's say you're an entrepreneur, we talk about getting the right people on the bus, and so on. Having

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the right sales team is just so important. How do we go about making sure we have the right people today, and then if we're expanding, we're scaling up, how do we find additional ones?

Randy: Well those are 2 big questions. Let's talk about the additional ones, and then we'll come back to make sure we got the right guys on the bus. There's a lot of ways to recruit, but a lot of what I'm encouraging my clients to do is to quit looking for the great sales person, start looking for the really talented person. Go recruit them, and get them fired up about getting in the conversation. I believe that you almost always have to have a good cop and bad cop. The good cop is the recruiter, tell them how great this business is, just like financial services, what a wonderful business, you can make a lot of money, have a lot of freedom, serve people incredibly well. You got a good cop to recruit them, and then you got a bad cop to find out if they're for real.

I had an experience in Fort Worth, Texas with a client of mine that over a decade we hired ... And this is now big numbers for big companies, but for the entrepreneurs you're talking about, these probably pretty big numbers. We hired 34 new sales people over a decade, 29 made it. Those 29 created an aggregate for insurance book of business \$17,500,000. Just what we hired during that decade would put them in the top 100 agencies in all of North America of all time. That's how powerful it was. Out of that I created a hiring process that kind of models what the Navy Seals, Green Berets, and Army Rangers do. You think about this, and I think this is a salient point here. If you could do a psychological profile and determine if somebody had the capability to make it as Army Ranger, Green Beret, or something, don't you think they would be doing psychological profiles rather than putting people through all that hell? Of course they would, it would be a lot less expensive.

I don't believe that people rely way too much on these profiles. I think you've got to model what the Army Rangers are doing, or Navy Seals, and you got to put them through exercises, and challenges, to find out if they're mentally tough. If they've got resilience, can they deal with rejection, are they smart, are they coachable, are they good at relationship? If you get somebody that meets those 5 criteria, you got yourself a hell of a sales guy, and then the other piece just do they fit your culture. That's ... I coach a lot of people on that hiring process, so that when you bring in that type of person into a proactive services firm, that believes somebody's got to lose for you to win, then they change their selling methods, and guess what? They sell a lot.

John: We've got this person, I'm going to take ... We've got the person, and we've identified them, I was in the Navy, I was a pilot, I did one day of ... They recruited me for the Seals, so I did 1 day of training.

Randy: That's a long time for...

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John: Well I did a week of Ranger training, 1 day of Seals, that was enough on both. I decided that was not the experience I was looking for in the military. It became ... I don't think you could do it. I had the battery of psychological tests to get in, you know as a Navy pilot. I do agree with that, it's the experience, so we've now got this person, they're ready to join our team. How do we ... What I see so often, I know you know this well, people find the right person then they screw it up by the way they bring them on board. How can we make sure it's a successful on-boarding experience, Randy?

Randy: All right, if they meet all that criteria we just talked about, and now they get hired. You know you got somebody, because why do most sales people fail? Biggest reason they fail is they don't prospect enough, right? Prospecting takes a lot of mental toughness. When you hire them, you bring them in, you do whatever technical training you need to do, make that pretty quick, and then we put our people through sales training. We put them through the wedge, and out of the wedge we make them learn the sales call process, and learn 12 proactive service wedges, that's part of the criteria. If you can't do that in 2 weeks, you get fired, and you let them know that up front.

Now, when you go on ... They're prepared to go on sales calls. Instead of being this ambiguous, pile of jello they're out selling, it's like me putting a laser on your forehead, and going, "That's my target, I know what 12 wedges have the best chance of working to dislodge the incumbent." You train them through that, and then we run sales meetings that ... In most teams you've got some really bright, highly effective, people, and you got the new guys coming in. Well how does the new guy get all that genius out of the old guys? We've created a sales meeting that ... I make fun of most sales meetings, I call most of them the spreadsheet liars club meeting, right? You've seen it, "John, I see right here you're working on X, Y, Z company, how's it going?" "Oh real good Randy, it's going good." "Okay, John."

John: All but a done deal.

Randy: All but a done deal. Ours is just the opposite. We're putting, whether it's the new guy or the old guy, in a sense on the seat, you're putting the incumbent in the room, and we'd sit there and do this. "Hey John ... " They're working with Bob. "John, do you believe this account be better off with you then Bob?" Of course you'd say, "Yes." I say, "Great." Well John it's what you do that Bob doesn't do is where this account is being under served but doesn't know it. Do you agree with me on that? You go, "Yeah." Well great. If they got Bob tell me why do they need you? Then we got this process to educe, pull out of you, those key things you believe you do better. We call that define and then defend. Define what you believe you do better, and then take one, rank them what's number 1, and now break it down to what are the processes. How do you do that?

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If you said, "I'm better at ..." Like in your core coaching client. "We're better at doing risk ... What do you call it? Risk...

John: Risk assessment? On a portfolio?

Randy: Yeah, just pick, it doesn't matter. "We're better at picking the right funds. We're better at ... " Who cares what they say? Next step is okay really you believe you're better at that? Yes I do. When you do that what do you do, or how do you do it better, what's your first step? Now we break down process. When I can get out of you your best, most pristine, most effective process, map it out on the white board, or electronically, everybody is learning from you immediately. Now all genius gets out on the table, everybody learns quickly. Hire them, train them, put them in those type of sales meetings, and then of course the other piece is you've got to have some sort of accountability to know they're doing what you're saying you're going to do. Put that together, you got a pretty good on board.

John: Now they're on boarded, they're doing well, they're starting to get some traction. One of the things that many fellow entrepreneurs have done, Randy, is that they've gone ahead and they've built good sales teams, and then they seem to lose the more talented ones, because we all want proven sales talent. How can they make sure they retain the right people?

Randy: A lot of things go into that, right? Number one, I've seen a lot of effective sales people that still are not saving a lot of money. They're making enough money, they've got a great lifestyle, and they're saving a little bit. One of the ways that, I call it 10X your savings capability. I would want to create a culture around helping every producer I have, double their personal income, and through that they're actually taking their savings capability and going 10 times. What I found, and you being ... Working with financial advisors know, that if you can save 60 or 70 thousand dollars a year for 20 years in a row then you're going to build a nest egg worth 2, 2 1/2, 3, million dollars. If you got that, you can retire for a long time, great.

As an entrepreneur they've got all their value in the business. The typical sales person has no real value except what they can save, and whatever you're willing to co-put into a 401k with them. Now change from kicking them in the butt all the time to do the kind of goal setting that makes them think about how much they need, and then build a plan to help them get there. Make sense?

John: I love goals that are enlightened self-interests. This is the enlightened self-interests for sales professional. We know ... I always think many sales people meet the definition of affluent, free flowing, they live a little beyond their means, and I think you might even be generous on the 6,500 they're saving. When you start including all the life events, that happen as well as life intruding, being a leader, being a fellow entrepreneur, being a leader, inspiring

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your sales team. Not just beat them over the head, but inspiring them, to build their own wealth outside of the business, their personal wealth, and their own enlightened self-interests, it's so powerful, Randy, when you can align your interest with someone else. This is your front line team that is making everything happen.

Randy: Yeah, it does several things. Number one, it becomes kind of place where the entrepreneur, the business owner, I know that they're on my side helping me think about this, doing this type of goal setting, tying it together. Number two, when the entrepreneur is building a ... Is committed to proactive services platform, then I know that ... Everybody says, "We're the best." I now have validation that we are. I know that we do things better than others, and so I don't want to leave this place. I have a lot of pride in how we do it better than others. Then there's a lot of other things, and I don't want to get into leadership stuff in general, but when you just focus on sales people, you do those two things, you'll keep the great guys for a long time. Here's the other cool thing, you're great guys will be your best recruiters for you. They're out there telling other people, "Man this place is great. Our boss ... You wouldn't believe what he's like."

John: Yeah, and that makes a huge difference in being able to build a team, a culture, that's making that big difference. Let me go to the next segment, because this is going to help pull everything together that we can't cover in the podcast.

Randy I'm not going to let you off easy. I'm going to ask you ... Let me pull up on the screen your book, The Wedge: How to Stop Selling and Start Winning. We've covered a little bit of The Wedge in concept, but what are your fellow entrepreneurs going to find in this book that they should get?

Randy: Yeah, I think ... It's kind of funny, I'm looking it up on myself here. I've got 200 other books I'm selling right here. Selling Invisible, Relevant Selling, Solution Selling, Opening and Closed Doors, Masterminds, Objective Based, they're all up here, right? Here's what they all have. They all say this, John, they say that there's 2 people in a sales interview. Me seller, you buyer. If me, seller, can build relationship, you, buyer, me find out what you need, me get rewarded. I believe there all half wrong, they don't deal with the incumbent. What they're going to get out of this how to get your competition fired without saying anything bad, is a strategy to deal with the incumbent. John, I'm sure your mom did the same thing mine did. My mom said, when I was a kid growing up, "If you can't say something nice... "

John: Yeah, I do remember this well. Don't say anything at all, yeah.

Randy: If you listen to Steven F Cubby when he came out with is book, he said, "Always seek a win-win deal." Everybody saying don't talk bad about the competition, let's play like they don't exist, and all that sort of stuff, but the reality is they do, and most people don't have a

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strategy for it. What they're going to get out of this book how to get your competition fired, is a strategy to isolate the incumbent, define a difference, a value proposition that's black and white, not general, a type of question that causes the prospect to discover they're getting under served by the incumbent. Without saying anything bad about those guys, and get them to see how great you are without you having to tell them. That's what's going to come out of this book along with some other things. It's cool, it's a pretty good book.

John: Yeah, I know it is, it's invaluable, because just that framing of the wedge. What's happening so often is that what we're seeing is ... As we become more, and more, successful, we're moving up to kind of higher premium services, not products but services. As we do that the competition is much more intense. It's so important ... This noise in the marketplace for you to help that buyer, that acquirer of your service, to understand the differences because it's never been harder for them to make the time to have this, and really have it come together.

Randy: One last thing about all of that is that ... We'll let everybody be the judge, but when you do it this way you can find out ... Once you get past that little rapport stage, you can find out about the next 10 or 15 minutes, with a pretty high level of certainty, whether or not you're going to be able to find pain, get it blamed upon the bad guy, and start to move them through the process. Another critical thing in this, in ... I guess we'll leave that. There's just kind of a care for people to read and study, but I think you're doing your client a value. We got a thing in there called the rehearsal technique, where you rehearse them through what it's going to be like to tell the other guy it's over.

If you've done that, when the other guy comes up and does it, plays the loyalty card, the guilt card, and all that sort of stuff to try to make people feel bad, and, "Stay with me John, haven't we been friends a long time? Remember in the tough economy I was there for you." You prepare them for that, when they see it that guy looks cheesy. Number one, number two, you know that he's capable of firing the other guy so it's worth spending your time and energy working on. It saves a tremendous amount of time for sales people.

John: That's great, and as you're saying, having sold many things, Randy, everything I'm hearing over, and over again from you, just want to encourage our fellow entrepreneurs to go execute. This is so important, you're going to make a big difference with the buyers, the acquirers of your service, but these little nuances are just going to make the difference. Let's go to the next segment.

The application of the day. Randy what do you have on your smart phone that you'd like to share with your fellow entrepreneurs?

Randy: I got a lot of things on my smart phone, but the thing I like the most is the Zillow app. I want to know ... I go see my friend John, and it's like, this is a big old house, I wonder what

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it's worth, or the guy across the street, or you're cruising down, you're thinking about buying your second home, you're sitting there going, "I wonder what that is?" I love Zillow. I just love to get on there and kind of play around, and cruise around the country club and see stuff. That's what I love.

John: Yeah, you know it is interesting. We were talking before we turned on the camera that it's a great tool to go ahead and really use to kind of feel the neighborhood, and values, and so on. Everything is being ... The internet is a great provider of information, and this is why we have to raise our game, because ... If your real estate sales, just getting that information, use to start the conversation, no longer. It's happening to all of us. It's a great application. Let's go to the next segment.

This is resources, it's at TheWedge.net. Tell us a little bit about what they're going to see. They're going to see your video, and you talking to them about what else in resources do they have there?

Randy: Well there are some articles, and things in there like that, in the backside of it there's a place if you want to go buy the books. There's a place to buy the books. There's a little bit of stuff on some of our upcoming workshops. We do a Wedge workshop here in Dallas, Texas, every quarter. That's the kind of stuff they're going to find on there. They're going to find some things about, really instead of just sales training ... Because here's the most important, John, I believe, is really create a sustainable sales culture. They're going to find some scoop in there about how to do that as well, and hiring new producers, all of that.

John: I'm going to say that's invaluable. Let me go to the last segment here.

This is the key Takeaways. Let me just go to my notes, I mean I've got a bunch of pages of notes here. This, to me, marketing and sales are just so important for all of us as entrepreneurs. AES stands for accelerating entrepreneurial success, and that doesn't happen without marketing and sales. You can have the best proactive service out there, and if you don't have a great market and sales process, and the right people executing it, doesn't happen. What I love about Randy, Randy was one of the first ones to say to me something that is extremely common sense, but we don't prepare for.

It's his whole concept of that wedge. Somebody has to get fired for you to get hired. What we need to do is be prepared for that. Randy shared, you can go to AESNation.com, where you can get the transcript, the show notes, all the links that we talked about, and you can really go into some of the nuances that he did, but better yet, just buy his book. Then if it really resonates reach out to Randy to hire him as a consultant coach. What I love is getting clear on the difference between products and services, even if you're selling widgets, you've got to make it more than a service, reactive. You've got to follow through on your promises, and the

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best way to follow through on your promises identify them, create the framing, be proactive, and then establish the methodology to do it.

Randy talked a lot about having the right sales team, how to locate them, how to go ahead and make sure they're the right people to go ahead and on board them. Then re-retain them, because it's such a valuable investment in our team. Always thinking 5 years ahead, and you can create millions, and millions, of dollars of value, if not hundreds of million, and for some of you, maybe even billions of dollars. Take care of your sales professional. Help them create, in their own enlightened self-interest that 10X for them as well and you are going to have an unbelievable sales team, and a great company.

Randy I want to thank you for join us, and sharing these remarkable insights in your methodology. I want to wish all the entrepreneurs out there the best of success in executing. Nothing happens unless you execute. Remember go to ASNation.com, you can get the downloads, the links, everything you need there to make sure that your future clients, your current clients, all those promises your keeping to them, the future clients that you're going to inspire to come to you, strategic partners, you make a huge difference. Let's go out and make that difference. Wish you all the best of success.



A Second Opinion on Your Finances

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Best of success,

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