

# AGENT TRAINING Real Estate Perspective

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## **IRREFUTABLE FACT #1**

Real Estate Sales is a **GET RICH** Business!

## **READ, UNDERLINE, SHARE**

## When face-to-face with your own mortality, you will undoubtedly say one of two things: "I'm glad I did" or "I wish I had."

The **CHOICE** is yours!

A career in real estate sales offers the genuine opportunity to generate an unlimited income. Unlike typical corporate and government jobs, no one dictates how much money you can or will earn each year. As a real estate agent, you can make as much money as you have reason and passion to make. You can give yourself \$30,000, \$50,000 even \$100,000+ raises every year for simply having good reasons "why" and focusing on the right activities. It is definitely one of the best careers in the world for people possessing unlimited passions and wanting to live life at the highest level.

Before you get too excited, you should also be aware that a career in real estate sales also has a dark side. Real estate agents can work 80 hours per week and earn absolutely nothing. How? By not having a clear direction and succumbing to the illusion that busy work and productive work are one in the same. Simply put, if you have a clear plan and choose to implement the right activities, your success is inevitable. Likewise, if you have no plan and choose to focus on the wrong activities, your demise is inevitable. The bottom line is that if your real estate business is not reaping rewards at the levels you desire, chances are you are not sowing the right seeds.

One of the key differences between top earners and the rest of the real estate "herd" is that top earners intentionally move toward productive and stay away from busy. They are keenly aware that very few activities are classified as dollar-productive, and as a result, choose to focus their time, energy and efforts on just those tasks that generate the highest amount of income per hour.

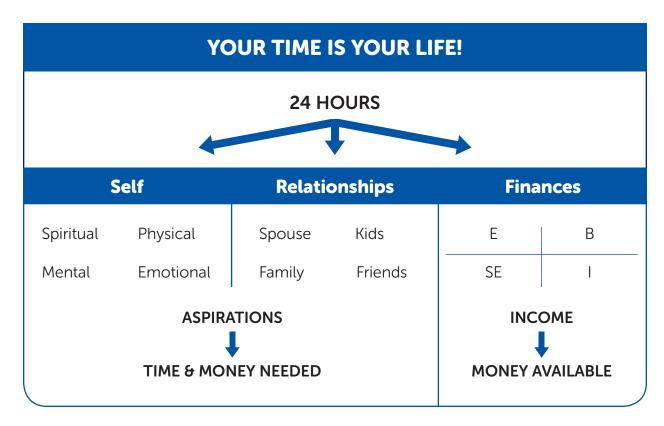
Unfortunately, a majority of agents today choose to act in very spontaneous and reactive ways, and as a result, end up spending a lion share of their time on irrelevant activities. When results don't show up, they resign themselves to blaming external factors such as market conditions instead of looking inward toward things they can actually change and control. Given this behavior, it's not hard to see why most real estate agents earn far less than they should – but get exactly what they deserve.

To succeed at the highest level, you can't incorporate a wish, wait and hope strategy. This industry will give you what you truly aspire to as long as you maintain a purposeful direction, take vital action and remain focused on the priorities of goal achievement. IT'S UP TO YOU!



## **WHY WORK?**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



## YOU DON'T LIVE TO WORK. YOU WORK TO LIVE!

#### Creating an unlimited life of abundance requires both time and money



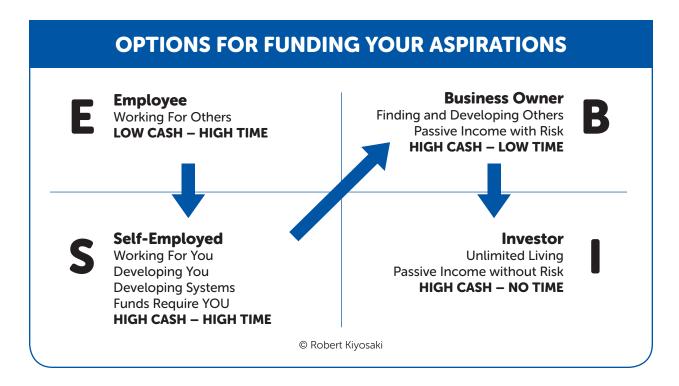
#### **REMEMBER:**

The goal is to live an unlimited life in a limited amount of time!



## **WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER OPTIONS?**

If you want to live an unlimited life, you must generate an unlimited income!



The only options that truly allow for an abundant life are on the right side of the graph. If you're employed by someone else, your salary will be limited by the amount your boss is willing to pay. If you're self-employed, your income will be limited by the number of hours you are willing and able to spend in your business.

#### NOTE:

If you want to fund an unlimited life, you must choose a career that allows an opportunity to leverage the work of other people.



## IT BEGINS WITH THE WAY YOU THINK

### You can transcend any situation!

## RIGHT THINKING. READ, UNDERLINE, SHARE.

Thoughts rule the world for the simple reason that thoughts determine feelings and actions. We can think ourselves into happiness or a deep depression. We can think ourselves into health or illness. We can think ourselves into peace of mind or a raging fury. We can think ourselves into a narrow, limited world characterized by procrastination and paralysis, or we can think ourselves into a noble, creative life and the actions that give it shape and substance. If we only take care of our thoughts, our feelings and actions will take care of themselves.

For better or worse, we give to others the fruits of our own thinking. By the same token, we are influenced by the thinking of those with whom we associate. It certainly helps to make friends with people who have made friends with their own minds. Observe people who are chronically bored or depressed, and you will invariably find that they dwell on negative thoughts. Observe people who are consistently happy, creative and productive, and you will find remarkable similarities in the quality of their thinking.

By our thinking, we create our individual and collective experience of reality. Changing our thinking for the better improves the quality of our own lives, and in so doing, uplifts all around us. - Source Unknown



Most people don't progress because they place <u>limits</u> on themselves, which usually show up in the form of <u>excuses</u> as to why they "can't"!



## **THOUGHTS MATTER**

## In order to create a life of abundance, you must train your mind to think in <u>UNLIMITED</u> terms!

The quality of your world is directly related to the quality of your thinking! Limited thinking leads to a limited world of scarcity. Unlimited thinking leads to an unlimited world of abundance! The **choice** is yours!

So, what are **limited** beliefs?

	WRITE 5 LIMITED BELIEFS YOU POSSESS	
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These may seem harmless until you realize that your beliefs form the rules by which you play the game of life!

What are unlimited beliefs?

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## **KEEPING AN OPEN MIND**

"We choose our next world through what we learn in this one.

Learn nothing, and the next world is the same as this one."

— Richard Bach

**Growing** to your next level requires you doing something beyond what you are currently doing (adding), doing what you are currently doing at more effective, efficient levels (improving), and/or leveraging yourself and your business (developing). All three require an open mind and willingness to learn. Since **growth requires change**, the key is becoming and remaining learning-based!

**LEARNING-BASED:** "I know what I know and there is more to know!"

If you're not learning-based, you're ignorance-based!

**IGNORANCE-BASED:** "I **know** what I **know** and I'll ignore everything else!"

or "I know it all!"

The fact you are here today indicates one thing: you are **learning-based**!

#### **QUESTION:**

Can someone be learning-based but **not** committed to self-mastery? Y N

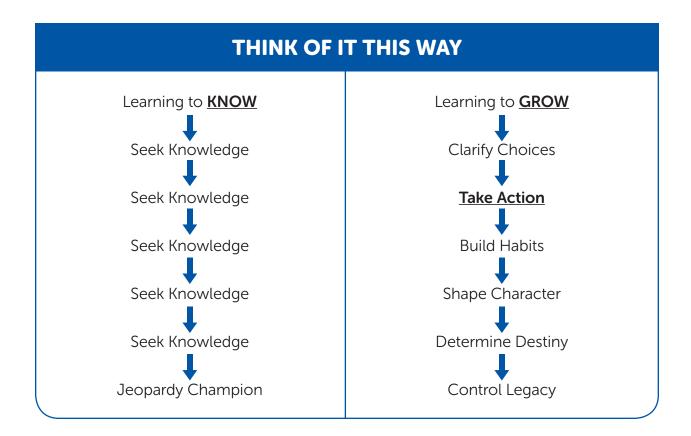


## TWO OUTCOMES TO LEARNING

Don't learn for the sake of knowing; learn for the sake of growing!

So which path are you on today?

Is it "Know and Go" or "Commit and Grow"?



Learning new and irrelevant things may be entertaining, but it doesn't increase the bottom line! What increases the bottom line is your **willingness to <u>study, practice</u>** and <u>implement</u> the vital activities of a thriving agent. A willingness to focus only on the basics!

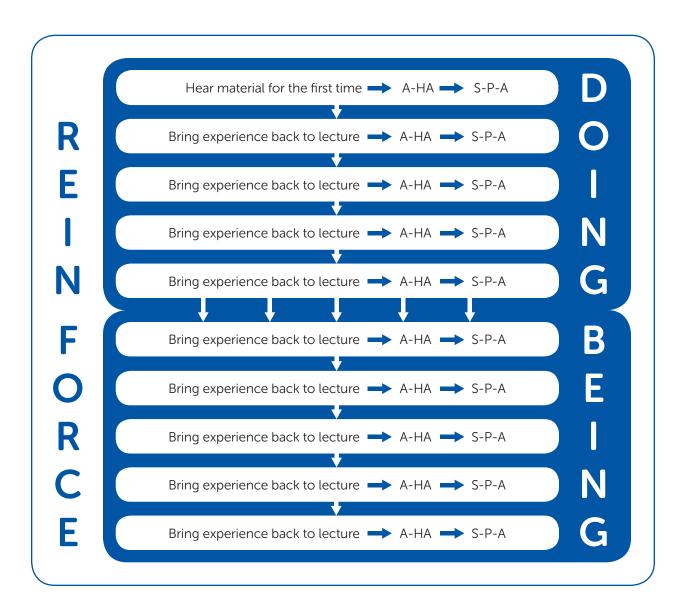


It's not about gaining an understanding of the basics; it's about MASTERING the basics!



## **THE PATHWAY TO MASTERY**

## Mastery is more about going "deep" than learning something new!



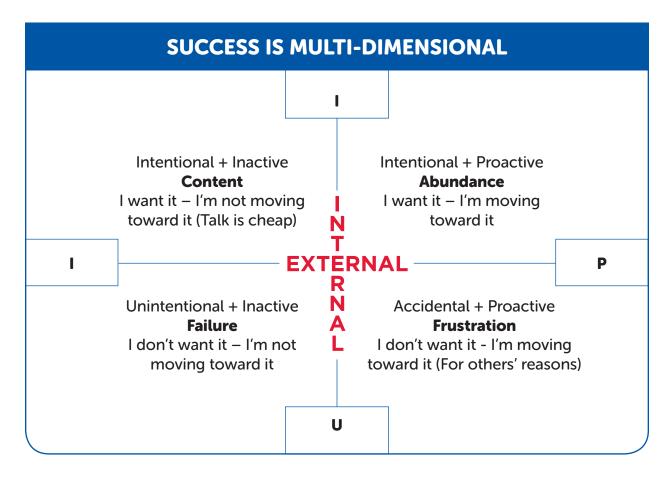


Talent is overrated! Mastery is simply about <u>time on a task over time</u>! 10,000 SPAR hours required! (SPAR = **S**tudy, **P**ractice, **A**ction, **R**einforce)



## WHY DO PEOPLE SUCCEED?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



**INTERNAL DIMENSION:** An overwhelming, burning **commitment** to take action. (An intense feeling of passion stemming from specifically defined aspirations and plans.)

The internal dimension is more about willingness than anything else.

**EXTERNAL DIMENSION:** Moving toward an environment that best <u>supports</u> your goals. (Seeking out the training, systems, tools and relationships needed to achieve your aspirations.)

The external dimension is more about **ability** than anything else.



## **BECOMING INTENTIONAL & PROACTIVE**

Your commitment to your decisions, not your conditions, shapes your destiny!

## A MODEL FOR SUCCESS

- **Intentional:** 1. Define Your **Aspirations** what do you want?
  - Must be specific
  - Hope springs eternal
  - 2. Develop Goals, Plans & Strategies for Achievement
    - **Direction** is established
    - Hope turns to expectations

Willingness (motivation) + Ability (training) = Expectations

**Proactive:** 

- 3. Implement "Vital" Activities move toward them!
  - Consistent action
  - Ffficient action
  - Proficient action
- 4. Be Accountable on a Weekly Basis
  - **Focus** on progression
  - Identify strengths and weaknesses
  - Expectations turn to reality

#### ASPIRATIONS + DIRECTION + ACTION + FOCUS = ACHIEVEMENT

#### NOTE:

Your willingness and abilities must match your expectations. If you are unable to effectively and efficiently implement the strategies necessary to achieve your goals, you must seek out the necessary training.



## A FORMULA FOR ABUNDANT SUCCESS

## Abundance requires a complete development program!



### **DEFINE YOUR ASPIRATIONS**

## Behind every productive act is a great reason "why"!

Your journey begins with two simple questions:

#### 1. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

In a macro-sense, what needs funding in your life?

Specificity is crucial because the answers, when "linked" to your business, become requisite justification for leaving your comfort zone. (Which is required.)

#### 2. HOW BADLY DO YOU WANT IT?

All aspirations begin as wants, however wanting something is not enough. Therefore, your wants must evolve if you expect them to be realized.

## THE FOUR STAGES OF AN ASPIRATION

- 1. **Want** Define and **talk** about it (talk is cheap)
- 2. **Desire** Move toward it as long as the path remains **easy** and **convenient** (comfortable)
- 3. **Passion** Willing to <u>"suffer"</u> for it (get uncomfortable)
- 4. **Obsession** Let it take over and totally **control** your life (unhealthy)

### YOU MUST BE WILLING TO PROGRESS TO THE PASSIONATE LEVEL!

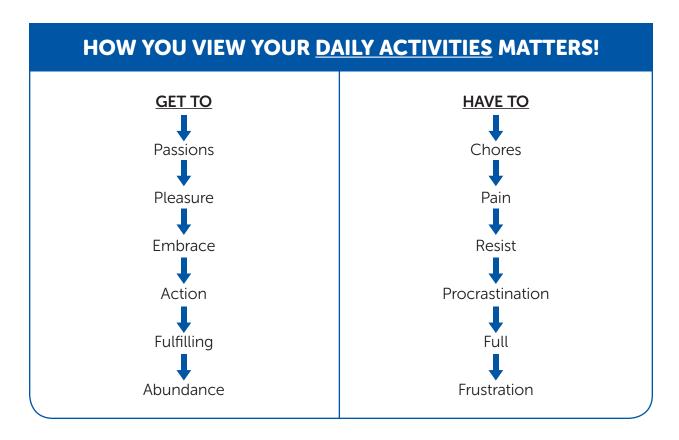


No one is passionate about making more money. They are passionate about what making more money **provides**. Vague aspirations end up in a vast wasteland of wants and desires.



## WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

When you attach your personal needs, wishes, dreams and endowments to your career activities, you in essence create passion links!



## DAYS ADD TO WEEKS ADD TO MONTHS ADD TO YEARS ADD TO LIFE!

You must view your daily activities as the means to a passionate end!



Passion links help you endure the temporary pains of being out of your comfort zone!



## **DEFINING YOUR FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT**

## A business by design begins with a financial requirement!

Why do people live highly fulfilled lives? Because they intend to! People don't just luck into great lives; instead they are intentional and proactive about creating them. Highly successful people know exactly what they want, why they want it, when they expect to get it and how much it will take to fund it. They understand that before appropriate business plans can be assembled, life aspirations and financial requirements must be specifically defined.

#### PLACE YOUR FUNDING NEEDS INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Family Expenses Vacation/Travel

Savings Account Hobbies
Standard Retirement New Home
College Fund New Car

Early Retirement Second Home

General Investments Charity/Endowments

## **ALL OF THE ABOVE REQUIRE TIME AND MONEY!**

Once you have established appropriate funding categories, the next step is to **prioritize** and **budget**.

**Prioritizing** establishes which category gets funded first. Grouping your passions in order of importance creates an **ordered plan** for your income, which keeps you from reacting and wasting money. This is especially important for a career in commission-based sales, as monthly cash flow is rarely the same.

After placing your passions in the preferred order, you must estimate what each will cost. **Budgeting** allows you to calculate the exact amount of income needed to fund your life. This step is **mandatory** for assembling valid career plans and strategies.

It's also important to note that **perspectives have a tendency to change over time**, so don't be surprised if your aspirations grow and evolve as you grow and evolve. Revisiting and revising your aspirations is crucial for maintaining an intentional and proactive journey toward abundance.



## SAMPLE PRIORITIZED BUDGET

If you don't prioritize and budget, you run a high risk of succumbing to the dangerous, "the more I make, the more I spend" approach!

## BE INTENTIONAL AND PROACTIVE WITH YOUR MONEY

	Yearly Amount	Yearly Totals	Monthly Totals
Family Expenses	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$4,167
Savings/Reserve Funds	\$10,000	\$60,000	\$5,000
Standard Retirement	\$20,000	\$80,000	\$6,666
College Fund	\$10,000	\$90,000	\$7,500
Early Retirement	\$20,000	\$110,000	\$9,167
Rental Home Fund	\$15,000	\$125,000	\$10,417
2 Family Vacations	\$15,000	\$140,000	\$11,667
New Car Fund	\$15,000	\$155,000	\$12,917
Vacation Home Fund	\$25,000	\$180,000	\$15,000
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After Charity & Federal In	come Taxes (40%*)	\$300,000	\$25,000

<sup>\*10%</sup> to charity (endowment), 30% to federal income taxes.

## NOT FUNDING SOMETHING ON YOUR PLAN SHOULD IGNITE A FEELING OF PAIN



Most people fail to create wealth because they have no plan for their money!



## YEARLY FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

## If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up somewhere else!

Having an ordered plan for your money built around specific passions allows you to create a **meaningful mantra** designed to keep you focused throughout the year.

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## PLACE YOUR EXPECTED YEARLY PROFIT IN THE BLANK ABOVE

#### NOTE:

Now that you have established a meaningful economic benchmark, you can begin **designing** an appropriate funding vehicle. This entails assembling your business goals, plans and strategies. (Equipping your "vehicle" with the appropriate GPS.)

#### **REMEMBER:**

You get out of life what you put into it. If you intentionally have no life plan beyond simply existing day to day, then you will most likely squander your time and never reach your full potential!



## **IRREFUTABLE FACT #2**

Real Estate Sales is **BASIC!** 

## AN INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS CONCEPTS

## A business worth owning is built upon sound principles!

Successful <u>business owners</u> understand and are firmly rooted in the core fundamentals of their business. To succeed at the highest level, you must become and remain a student of the real estate sales game. This begins with an understanding of some **basic concepts**.



#### **REMEMBER:**

To move from typical to world-class, you must <u>separate from the pack</u>. This requires a willingness and ability on your part to out-think, out-work and out-strategize the competition.

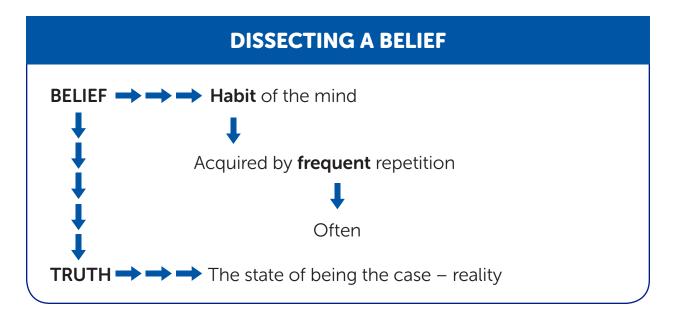


## THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING BELIEFS

## Every thought has a physical consequence, for better or worse!

Beliefs determine perspective and justify behavior. In order to stay focused on the right activities, you must establish and internalize positive, productive beliefs.

The beliefs you possess act as behavioral filters, and when pieced together, begin to create your character and shape your legacy.



### THE TRUTH ABOUT TRUTHS

- 1. What you frequently think about becomes internalized and accepted as truth.
- 2. Truths, once internalized, **quide** your thinking and thus your behavior.
- 3. Your beliefs ultimately define **YOUR** reality and thus your world.
- 4. Having well-defined beliefs makes it **easy** to say yes or no.



## **28 BELIEFS**

## Success begins and may very well end with the way you think!

#### **CORE ENTREPRENEURIAL BELIEFS**

- 1. There is no growth without discomfort!
- 2. I live in a world of abundance!
- 3. The market does not and will not determine my income!
- 4. My only limit is time!
- 5. Focus is the key to success!
- 6. I reap what I sow!
- 7. Success stems from duplicable processes and systems!
- 8. It is unacceptable for my business to earn \$0!
- 9. People have lived before me!
- 10. Leverage is the key to abundance!
- 11. It's win-win or no deal!
- 12. Cost is only an issue in the absence of value!

#### **REAL ESTATE SALES BELIEFS**

- 13. Real estate sales is a get-rich business!
- 14. Real estate sales is basic!
- 15. Real estate sales is a task business!
- 16. I will not convert 100% of the leads I do not generate!
- 17. People will trust and follow only what I can logically and tangibly explain!
- 18. It's unacceptable to leave the client's money on the table!

#### **LISTING BELIEFS**

- 19. Homes sell for two reasons: price and exposure!
- 20. The pricing game is all about justification!
- 21. Pricing is neighborhood specific!
- 22. What's put in motion stays in motion!
- 23. Pricing homes is not an exact science!

#### **BUYER BELIEFS**

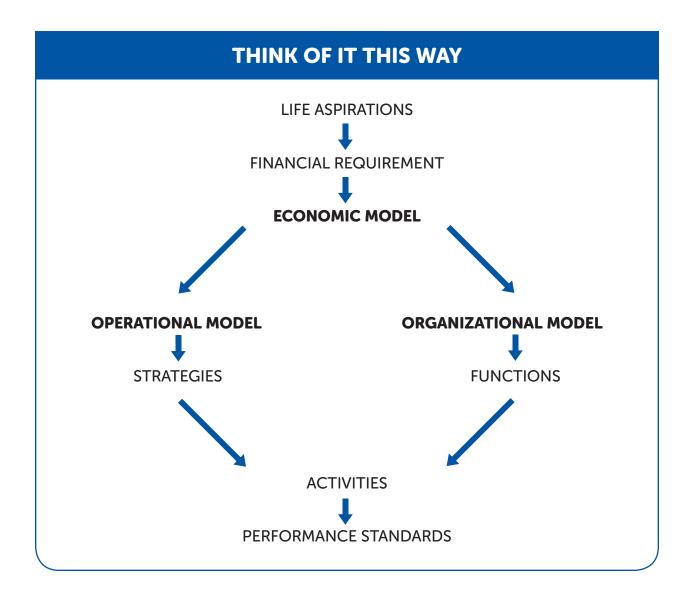
- 24. Time reveals all!
- 25. Motivated, qualified and loyal people buy homes!
- 26. Having a process reduces the risk that comes with buyers!
- 27. If they won't meet me, they are not a buyer!
- 28. "A" buyers deserve my immediate time and attention!



## **3 MODELS**

## Complication is the result of not having a plan!

Thriving agents generally operate from <u>three basic models</u>. These models serve as a backbone of your business and are relied upon to generate the income needed to fund your life.



**Economic Model** = What your business must do **Operational Model** = How your business will do it **Organizational Model** = Who in your business will do it



## **SUMMARY OF BUSINESS MODELS**

#### **ECONOMIC MODEL INCLUDES**

Entrepreneur's Mantra (Profit requirement)
Commission Rate Schedule (Average commission rate)
Transaction Benchmark (Volume)
Financial Statements (Expense budget, balance sheet, income statement, etc.)

#### **Economic Fundamentals:**

- Lead with revenue (Limit debt and maintain a reinvestment strategy)
- Keep expenses low (Be frugal, not cheap)

#### **REAL ESTATE SALES BELIEFS**

Real Estate Sales Priorities (Lead generation, lead conversion, servicing, etc.) Lead Generation Strategies (Prospecting and marketing) Lead Conversion Strategies (Sellers and buyers) Servicing Strategies (Supporting clients and improving systems)

#### **Operation Fundamentals:**

- Know your value proposition (Must be engaging, useful and unique)
- Study your game (Master your model)

#### **LISTING BELIEFS**

Organizational Chart (Function specific)
Real Estate Sales Responsibilities (Department specific)
Complete Job Descriptions (All vital activities must be accounted for)
Knowledge, Skills, Dispositions and Expectations (Define ideal candidate)

#### **Organization Fundamentals:**

- Maintain business and performance standards (Professional and productive)
- Develop talent (They will demand it)



## **ECONOMIC MODEL**

Basic sales economics revolves around commission and volume. To make money you must adhere to a high commission/high volume, low commission/high volume, or high commission/low volume strategy, as these are the only valid business economic models.

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LOW MARGIN	HIGH REVENUE
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HIGH VOLUME	LOW EXPENSES
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HIGH REVENUE	HIGH PROFIT

## **CALCULATING YOUR TRANSACTION BENCHMARK**

Desired **Profit** + Operating **Expenses** = Revenue Required

Revenue Required ÷ **Avg. Commission Rate** = Volume Required

Volume Required ÷ **Avg. Sales Price** = Transaction Benchmark



## **COMMISSION RATE SCHEDULE**

#### LISTING DEPARTMENT

Small Listings (\$	)	-	%
Large Listings (\$	)		%
Doubles (Seller is also buying)	)		%
Lots			%
Acreage			%
Commercial			%
Investors			%
Home Builders			%
Referral Given			%
Referral Received			%
Transaction Fee			%
Fee for Service (hourly rate)		\$	/hr
BUYER DEPARTMENT			
Small Buyers (\$	)		%
Large Buyers (\$	)		%
Doubles (Buyer is also selling)			%
Investor			%
Referral Given			%
Referral Received			%
Transaction Fee			%
Fee for Service (hourly rate)		\$	/hr

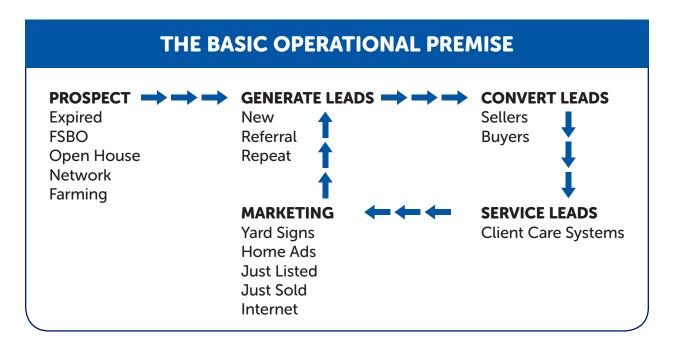
## **NOTE:**

Samples of relevant <u>financial statements</u> can be found in the Appendix section at the end of the manual.



## **REAL ESTATE OPERATIONAL MODEL**

#### Real estate is a task business!



## THE 12 CORE TRAINING COURSES

## LEAD GENERATION CLASSES:

- Expired Boot Camp
- FSBO Boot Camp
- Open House Boot Camp
- Marketing Boot Camp
- Referral Boot Camp

## LEAD CONVERSION CLASSES:

- Listing Conversion
- Listing Objections Boot Camp
- Pricing Boot Camp
- Buyer Conversion

## BUSINESS CLASSES:

- Real Estate Sales Perspective
- The Leverage Summit
- Activities
   Management



"All men can see the individual tactics necessary to conquer, but almost no one can see the strategy out of which total victory is evolved." - Sun Tzu



## **LEAD GENERATION PLAN**

MY ABUNDANT LEAD GENERATION PLAN			
SOURCE STRATEGY			
KNOW	HAVE		

#### NOTE:

Putting together plans will force you to <u>strategically analyze</u> each component of your operational model and help you determine your business strengths and weaknesses. Weaknesses will then be used to dictate training and development needs for the year.



## **LEAD CONVERSION PLAN**

MY LEAD CONVERSION PLAN			
<u>DEPARTMENT</u> <u>STRATEGY</u>			
KNOW	HAVE		
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## **REAL ESTATE OPERATIONAL MODEL**

#### Real estate is a task business!

## THE 8 POSITIONS OF A REAL ESTATE SALES BUSINESS

#### **Dollar-Productive Positions:**

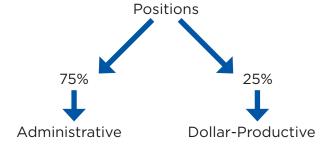
- 1. Listing Specialist
- 2. Buyer Specialist
- 3. Team Leader

#### **Administrative Positions:**

- 4. Listing Coordinator
- 5. Closing Coordinator
- 6. Marketing Coordinator
- 7. Administrative Assistant
- 8. Runner

## WHY DO MOST AGENTS TEND TO MOVE TOWARD "STUFF"?

#### Think of it this way:





## **14 RESPONSIBILITIES**

## THE 7 VITAL LISTING RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Lead Generation (finding)
- 2. Lead Conversion (attracting)
- 3. Administrative Preparation
- 4. Marketing and Exposure
- 5. Presenting and Negotiating
- 6. Closing Preparation
- 7. Post-Closing Activities

## THE 7 VITAL BUYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Lead Generation (finding)
- 2. Lead Conversion (attracting)
- 3. Administrative Preparation
- 4. Showing
- 5. Writing and Negotiating
- 6. Closing Preparation
- 7. Post-Closing Activities



## **6 ANCILLARY ARMS**

There are basically three types of activities that exist:

Vital Activities - Those that MUST be done Relevant Activities - Those that MUST be delegated Irrelevant Activities - Those that MUST be ignored

Ancillary arms represent the people and/or systems that relevant business activities are delegated to so you can remain vital.

## THE FOLLOWING ANCILLARY ARMS MUST EXIST FOR YOU TO STAY "VITAL"

#### Mortgage

- Appraisal
- Pre-approval
- Loan underwriting

#### 16-Touch

Long-term follow-up

#### Title

- Survey
- Closing
- Commitment

#### 8-in-8

• Short-term follow-up

#### Inspection

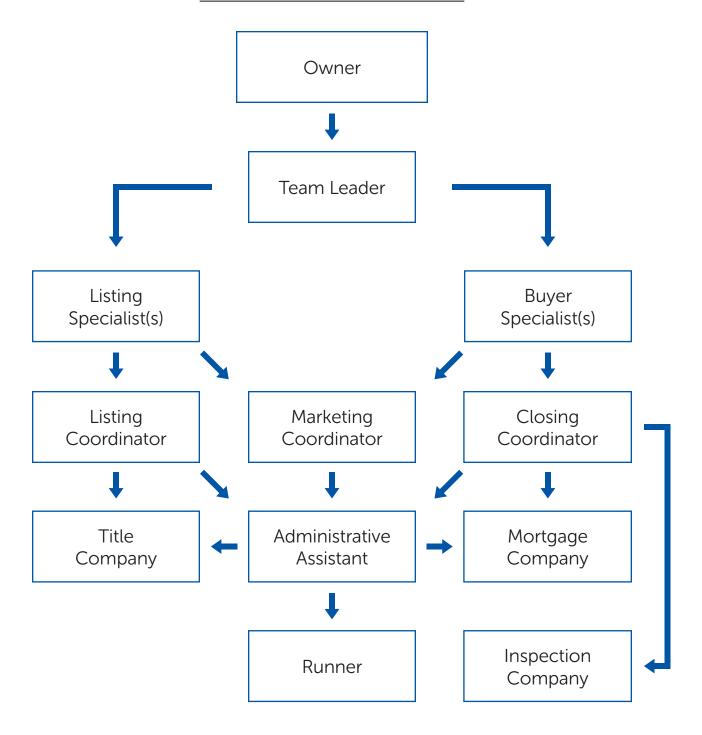
- Home inspection
- Inspection report

#### 33-Touch

Past Clients



## **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



## **47 VITAL LISTING ACTIVITIES**

## **LEAD GENERATION**

- 1. Finding Sellers (face-to-face, phone calls, mail, email)
  - a. FSBOs
  - b. Expired and terminated listings
  - c. Traditional and social networks
  - d. Just-sold notifications
  - e. Farming

## **LEAD CONVERSION**

- 2. Ask Pre-Listing Questions
- 3. Assemble Pricing Tools
- 4. Confirm Appointment
- 5. Prepare Listing Agreement
- 6. Get on the Listing Channel
- 7. Arrive on Time
- 8. Have Listing Conversation
  - a. Set tone
  - b. Uncover needs
  - c. Prioritize needs
  - d. Transition to pricing tools
  - e. Review pricing information
  - f. Agree on appropriate price entry point
  - g. Transition to roles and expectations
    - Review my role
    - Review your role
  - h. Agree on roles and expectations
  - i. Close in on listing agreement
  - j. Explain listing agreement and notices
  - k. Review staging plan
- 9. Sign Listing Agreement



## **47 VITAL LISTING ACTIVITIES (continued)**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE PREPARATION**

- 10. Measure Rooms and Complete MLS Input Sheet
- 11. Take Interior/Exterior Pictures
- 12. Place Sign and Lockbox
- 13. Mail Thank-You Letter
- 14. Create Listing File
- 15. Contact Showing Service
- 16. Deliver Listing Agreement, MLS Sheet and Notices to Office
- 17. Place Client in Database Management/Touch Program
- 18. Obtain Loan Payoff

#### MARKETING & EXPOSURE

- 19. Place in MLS and on Other Websites
- 20. Look up Just-Listed Phone Numbers and Addresses
- 21. Order Just-Listed Cards
- 22. Request/Create Home Fliers
- 23. Door Knock 25 Closest Neighbors
- 24. Call 50 Neighbors
- 25. Mail 200 Just-Listed Cards
- 26. Email Home Flier to Area Agents
- 27. Solicit Feedback from Showing Agents
- 28. Prepare Weekly Update Sheet
- 29. Call Seller with Weekly Update(s)

## PRESENTING & NEGOTIATING

- **30. Proactively Solicit Multiple Offers**
- 31. Present Offer(s)/Counteroffer(s)
- 32. Change Status in MLS and on Other Websites
- 33. Deliver Accepted Contract to Office
- 34. Negotiate Repairs
- 35. Copy Repair Invoices



#### **47 VITAL LISTING ACTIVITIES (continued)**

#### **CLOSING PREPARATION**

- 36. Schedule Closing
- 37. Communicate with Seller
- 38. Communicate with Selling Agent
- 39. Review Title Commitment
- 40. Review HUD Statement
- 41. Attend Closing

### **POST-CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

- 42. Mail Customer Survey
- 43. Change Status in MLS and Remove from Websites
- 44. Order Just-Sold Cards
- 45. Door Knock 50 Closest Neighbors
- 46. Call 100 Neighbors
- 47. Mail 300 Just-Sold Cards



#### **47 VITAL BUYER ACTIVITIES**

#### **LEAD GENERATION**

- 1. Finding Buyers (face-to-face, phone calls, mail, email)
  - a. Network & Farming
  - b. Open Houses
  - c. Yard Signs & Home Ads
  - d. Internet (website, Craigslist, social marketing, LeadStreet)
  - e. Just Listeds

#### **LEAD CONVERSION**

- 2. Meet in Office (meeting #1)
- 3. Move to Conference Room
- 4. Get on the Selling Channel
- 5. Have Buyer Conversation
  - a. Build rapport
  - b. Set the tone
  - c. Uncover needs and wants
  - d. Prioritize wants
  - e. Verify motivation
  - f. Check financial ability
  - g. Transition to roles and expectations
    - Review my role
    - Review your role
  - h. Agree on roles and expectations
  - i. Close in on a working relationship
    - Review Buyer Representation Agreement
    - Give buyers guide and contract
    - Set date for a second meeting
- 6. Sign Buyer Representation Agreement



#### **47 VITAL BUYER ACTIVITIES** (continued)

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE PREPARATION**

- 7. Mail Thank-You Letter
- 8. Create Buyer File
- 9. Verify Price Range with Lender
- 10. Verify Price Ceiling with Buyer
- 11. Place Client in Database Management/Touch Program
- 12. Search MLS and FSBO Inventories
- 13. Call Listing Agent to Verify Availability
- 14. Prepare Showing Packages
- 15. Book Showings

#### **SHOWING**

- 16. Meet in the Office (meeting #2)
- 17. Review Buyer Needs
- 18. Explain Showing Packages
- 19. Answer Questions
- 20. Get in the Car
- 21. Tour Homes
- 22. Finalize an Offer

#### WRITING & NEGOTIATING

- 23. Send Offer to Listing Agent
- 24. Negotiate Offer to Acceptance
- 25. Open Title/Deliver Earnest Money
- 26. Deliver Signed Contract to Office
- 27. Schedule Home Inspections
- 28. Check Home Insurability
- 29. Communicate with Buyer
- 30. Communicate with Listing Agent
- 31. Review Inspection Report with Buyer
- 32. Send Amended Contract to Listing Agent
- 33. Negotiate Repairs



#### **47 VITAL BUYER ACTIVITIES (continued)**

#### **CLOSING PREPARATION**

- 34. Schedule Closing
- 35. Communicate with Buyer
- 36. Communicate with Lender
- 37. Review Title Policy
- 38. Review HUD Statement
- 39. Attend Closing

#### **POST-CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

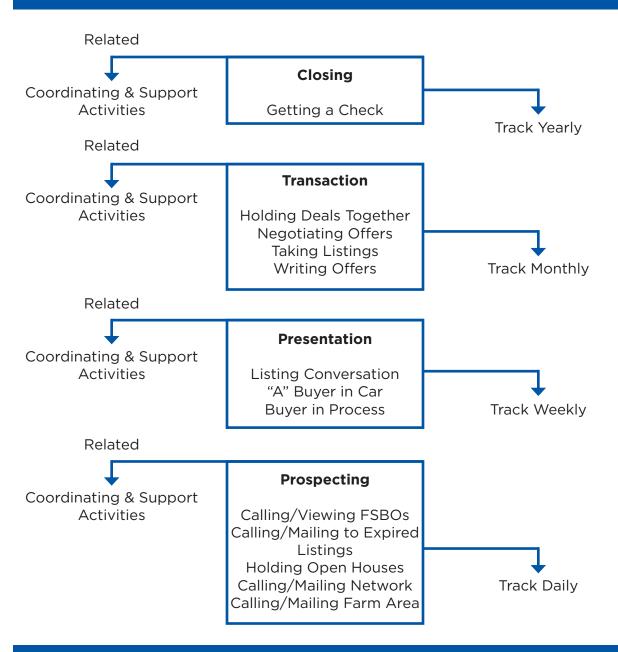
- 40. Mail Customer Survey
- 41. Look up Just-Sold Phone Numbers and Addresses
- 42. Order Just-Sold Cards
- 43. Door Knock 50 Closest Neighbors
- 44. Call 100 Neighbors
- 45. Mail 300 Just-Sold Cards
- 46. Make 7-Day Follow-Up Call to Buyer
- 47. Make 30-Day Follow-Up Call to Buyer



#### 13 DOLLAR-PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES

The real estate industry can look overwhelming if you don't understand priorities!

#### THE DOLLAR-PRODUCTIVE FOOD CHAIN

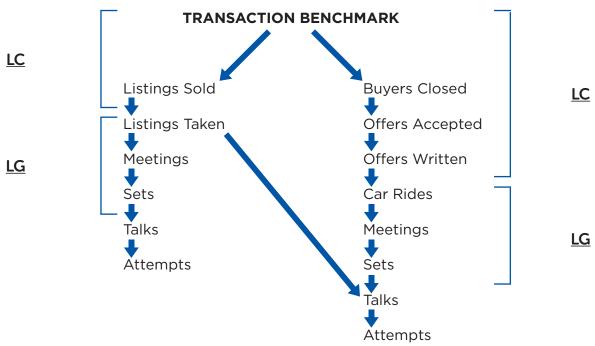


YOUR GOAL IS TO MOVE FROM BEING TOTALLY "VITAL"
TO TOTALLY "DOLLAR-PRODUCTIVE"



#### 14 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

# Dissecting your transaction benchmark into performance standards is crucial!



#### NOTE:

The above flowchart allows you to determine important conversion rates, which are used to calculate key **performance standards** in your business. Performance standards are evaluated via accountability and analyzed to reveal further training needs.

#### **13 KEY CONVERSION RATES**

#### LISTING DEPARTMENT:

- Dials per Talk
- Talks per Set
- Sets per Meeting
- Meetings per Listing
- Sales Percentage
- Buyer Calls per Listings Taken

#### **BUYER DEPARTMENT:**

- Dials per Talk
- Talks per Set
- Sets per Meeting
- Meetings per Car Ride
- Car Rides per Offer Written
- Written per Accepted Offer
- Accepted per Closed Offer



#### 24 HOURS

#### "Time Management" is an oxymoron!

There is no such thing as time management because you can't "manage" or "control" time. Time is what it is. There are 24 hours in a day, 168 hours in a week, 730 hours in a month and 8,760 hours in a year.

You are not going to change time and you are not getting any more or less of it. Time passes second-by-second, minute-by-minute and hour-by-hour, regardless of what YOU do or don't do.

It is **impossible** to "manage" time!

You can't manage time. However, you can manage or control the **activities** you implement during the time allotted to your career. Thus, focusing on "activities management" as opposed to "time management" should be your goal.

It is crucial that you create a **time budget** by defining the number of hours you will dedicate to your career (daily, weekly, monthly and yearly).

Once established, simply allocate each day's worth of time to one of four key categories.

This approach will keep you on the right side of **momentum** and greatly support you in your efforts to be proactive.

#### YOU MUST USE "THE TIME" AS PARAMETERS FOR "YOUR TIME"

All of "your time" should be blocked in one of **four categories**:

- 1. Lead Generation (Prospecting and Marketing; Study & Practice)
- 2. Lead Conversion (Seller Meetings and Buyer Meetings; Study & Practice)
- 3. Client Care (Sign-to-Close and Contract-to-Close)
- 4. Personal Development (Consulting, Training, Accountability and Mastermind)

These are the **only** four categories that lead to real estate sales revenues.



# **APPENDIX**

Financial tools designed to help with your intentional and proactive journey!

FAMILY BUDGET			
Account:	Yearly Amount		
Automobile Payment			
Charity			
Child Care (Baby Sitting)			
Child Care (Day Care/School)			
Child Care (Extracurricular)			
Clothing/Accessories			
Credit Card Interest			
Entertainment/Meals			
Gasoline			
Gifts			
Groceries			
Health/Beauty			
Hobbies			
Insurance (Auto)			
Insurance (Disability)			
Insurance (Health)			
Insurance (Home)			
Insurance (Life)			
Landscaping/Lawn Care			
Loans			
Medical			
Mortgage			
Pet Supplies			
Repair/Maintenance (Car)			
Repair/Maintenance (Home)			
Taxes (Property)			
Tithes			
Travel			
Utilities (Cable)			
Utilities (Electric)			
Utilities (Gas)			
Utilities (Internet)			
Utilities (Sanitation)			
Utilities (Telephone)			
Utilities (Water)			
Wish List Fund (Upgrades)			
TOTAL FAMILY EXPENSES			



FAMILY INCOME STATEMENT (Page 1)			
Account:	Goal	Actual	
Earned Income:			
Salary (W-2)			
Other (1099)			
Passive Income:			
Business (Ancillary)			
Dividends			
Interest			
Rental			
TOTAL INCOME			
INVESTMENT FUNDING:			
Savings Account:			
Emergency Fund (\$1,500)			
Cash Reserve (3-6 Months)			
Retirement:			
401(K) (Pre-Tax)			
IRA (SEP) (Pre-Tax)			
IRA (ROTH) (After-Tax)			
Other Investments:			
529 College Fund			
Business (Ancillary)			
Real Estate			
Bonds			
Stocks (General)			
Annuities			
CDs			
LESS: FUNDS FOR INVESTMENTS			
FEDERAL INCOME TAXES			
TOTAL EXPENSES			
SURPLUS/DEFICIT			



FAMILIY INCOME STATEMENT (Page 2)			
Expenses	Budget	Actual	
Automobile Payment			
Charity			
Child Care (Baby Sitting)			
Child Care (Day Care/School)			
Child Care (Extracurricular)			
Clothing/Accessories			
Credit Card Interest			
Entertainment/Meals			
Gasoline			
Gifts			
Groceries			
Health/Beauty			
Hobbies			
Insurance (Auto)			
Insurance (Disability)			
Insurance (Health)			
Insurance (Home)			
Insurance (Life)			
Landscaping/Lawn Care			
Loans			
Medical			
Mortgage			
Pet Supplies			
Repair/Maintenance (Car)			
Repair/Maintenance (Home)			
Taxes (Property)			
Tithes			
Travel			
Utilities (Cable)			
Utilities (Electric)			
Utilities (Gas)			
Utilities (Internet)			
Utilities (Sanitation)			
Utilities (Telephone)			
Utilities (Water)			
Wish List Fund (Upgrades)			
TOTAL FAMILY EXPENSES			

**NOTE:** Enter above amount on page one for "Total Expenses"



FAMILY BALANCE SHEET			
ASSETS:	Jan. 1 Prior Year	Jan. 1 This Year	Current Total
Cash:			
Personal Checking			
Business Checking			
Savings			
Wish List Fund			
Total Cash			
Equity Investments:			
Retirement Account(s)			
529 College Fund			
Stocks & Bonds (General)			
Business (Ancillary)			
Fixed Income/Annuities			
CDs			
Total Equity Investments			
Real Estate:			
Homestead			
Real Estate Investments			
Total Real Estate			
Automobiles			
Less: Accumulated Depreciation			
Notes Receivable			
Other Assets			
TOTAL ASSETS			
LIABILITIES:			
Automobile Loans			
Credit Cards			
Mortgage Loans			
Other Loans			
Taxes Payable			
TOTAL LIABILITIES			
NET WORTH			



BUSINESS BUDGET			
Account:	Yearly Amount		
Accounting			
Advertising			
Automobile:			
Fuel			
Insurance			
Lease			
Repair/Maintenance			
Tolls			
Bank Charges			
Broker Fees			
Computer Software			
Contract Labor			
Copies			
Depreciation			
Dues:			
Board			
MLS			
E&O Insurance			
Equipment			
Fax			
Gifts			
Health Insurance			
Internet			
Lock Boxes			
Meals			
Miscellaneous			
Office Fees			
Printing			
Postage			
Rent			
Riders (Sign)			
Salaries			
Signs			
Supplies			
Telephone			
TOTAL BUSINESS EXPENSES			



BUSINESS INCOME STATEMENT			
GROSS INCOME:			
Listing:			
Sales			
Leases			
Referrals			
Transaction Fees			
Fee for Service			
Total Listing			
Buyer:			
Sales			
Leases			
Referrals			
Transaction Fees			
Fee for Service			
Total Buyer			
TOTAL INCOME			
EXPENSES:			
Accounting			
Advertising			
Auto:			
Fuel			
Insurance			
Lease			
Repair/Maintenance			
Tolls			
Total Auto			
Bank Charges			
Broker Fees			
Computer Software			
Contract Labor			
Copies			
Depreciation			



BUSINESS INCOME STATEMENT			
EXPENSES (continued):			
Dues:			
Board			
MLS			
Total Dues			
E&O Insurance			
Equipment			
Fax			
Gifts			
Health Insurance			
Internet			
Lock Boxes			
Meals			
Miscellaneous			
Office Fees			
Printing			
Postage			
Rent			
Salaries			
Signs			
Supplies			
Taxes			
Telephone			
Total Expenses			
PROFIT/(LOSS)			



## **RETIREMENT NEEDS TEMPLATE** (A) Minimum YEARLY income needed at age 65 ÷ .05 (B) Divided by safe rate of return (C) Retirement funds needed (D) Less current funds in retirement account (E) Remaining funds needed to retire ÷ 100,000 (F) Divided by \$100,000 (G) Multiplier (use in calculation below) Standard retirement age 65 Less current age Years left to invest (Locate the monthly payment amount associated with the number of years you have left to invest on next page) Monthly payment amount (from payment calculator) \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ Multiply by multiplier calculated in (G) above Monthly amount to be invested



MONTHLY PAYMENT CALCULATOR				
Years left to Invest	Monthly Amount		Years left to Invest	Monthly Amount
		FV = \$100,000		
1	\$8,069		26	\$114
2	\$3,894		27	\$104
3	\$2,504		28	\$96
4	\$1,811		29	\$89
5	\$1,397		30	\$82
6	\$1,122		31	\$76
7	\$926		32	\$70
8	\$780		33	\$65
9	\$667		34	\$60
10	\$578		35	\$56
11	\$506		36	\$51
12	\$445		37	\$48
13	\$395		38	\$44
14	\$352		39	\$41
15	\$315		40	\$38
16	\$284		41	\$35
17	\$256		42	\$33
18	\$232		43	\$31
19	\$211		44	\$28
20	\$192		45	\$26
21	\$175		46	\$25
22	\$160		47	\$23
23	\$147		48	\$21
24	\$134		49	\$20
25	\$123		50	\$18
PROFIT/(LOSS)				

#### NOTE:

Above calculations are based on a 7% annual rate of return.

