





COMMENTARY / ON SALES

## Think Fast, Then React

● Analyze your presentation while the customer is still in front of you and YOUR CLOSING RATIO WILL GO UP.

ou've reached the end of your presentation. You think you've done everything right. But the customer must not agree, because you're not able to close the sale.

Think fast. You owe it to yourself, your store, and most important, your customer to take a hard look at what you've done, discern where you've fallen short, and try again to close the sale. Ask yourself this series of questions:

- Did I *thoroughly* romance the item being sold?
- Did I handle and close all of the customer's objections?
- Did I ask enough relationship questions and get to know the customer?
- Did I close properly throughout the presentation?
- Did I ask enough sale-specific questions?
- Did I get technical enough or did I get too technical?
  - Did I listen to the customer?
- Did I romance the reason they came in and make it a bigger deal than they thought it was?
- Did I cover all the points in the anatomy of the sale?
- Did I sell company benefits throughout the presentation to give people peace of mind and freedom from risk?

- Has the customer's experience been unforgettable?
- Does the customer have a chocolate chip cookie and cup of coffee in his hand?
- Am I the right sales associate for the customer's personality?
- Am I showing the customer what *he* wants, or what I want him to have?
  - Did I get him to laugh?
- Did I discuss price at the right time and say it correctly (never say "thousands," "hundreds" or "dollars")?
- Was the item being sold in the client's hand or on his person during the presentation and when I told him the price?
- Did I offer a negotiation before one was needed?
- Did I exude professionalism, self confidence and product knowledge throughout the presentation?

If your answer to any of these questions is incorrect, it's time to redo that part of your presentation.

Learn how to analyze your own presentation, uncover what you've left out, and your closing ratio will go up.

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## WOULDA, COULDA, SHOULDA

REPLIES YOU WISH YOU COULD UTTER OUT LOUD IF ONLY YOU WEREN'T SUCH A NICE RETAILER

## "What? Do I look like an idiot?"

To the angry customer who came storming into the store demanding a free resizing because the ring she bought 16 years ago had shrunk.

- COLLECTED FROM BRAIN SOUAD MEMBERS