

How Do You Make the Sales Phone Ring at Your Business?

The Hard Truth Most Business Owners Don't Want to Hear

One of the most common questions we hear from business owners is: **"How do we get the phone to ring?"**

- It's a fair question.
- But it's also the wrong first question.

The better question is: **"What are we doing every day that gives people a reason to call us?"** The phone doesn't ring because you hope it will. It rings because you have built a predictable system that consistently creates awareness, trust, credibility, and opportunities.

Too many companies wait for referrals, hope someone finds their website, or believe that simply being great at what they do will naturally generate business. Unfortunately... **The marketplace doesn't reward the best company. It rewards the company people know, trust, remember, and can easily engage with.**

Sales Is a Process, Not an Event

- Many organizations think sales begins when someone calls.

In reality... Sales begins months before that phone call ever happens. Every interaction a prospect has with your organization is part of the buying journey.

That includes:

- Your website
- Your LinkedIn presence
- Educational content
- Emails
- Videos
- Testimonials
- Case studies
- Networking
- Community involvement
- Industry reputation
- Follow-up consistency
- Response time
- Referrals

Online reviews Every one of these either moves someone closer to contacting you... ...or gives them a reason to call someone else.

The Reality of Today's Buyer

- Today's buyer has changed dramatically.

Before speaking with you they often:

- Visit your website
- Search your company
- Read Google Reviews
- Look at LinkedIn
- Read employee profiles
- Compare competitors
- Research pricing
- Evaluate credibility
- Look for social proof
- Search for educational content

Research consistently shows that buyers complete a significant portion of their purchasing research before they ever engage a salesperson.

By the time someone contacts you... They've already formed an opinion.

The question becomes: **Did you influence that opinion?**

Why Most Businesses Don't Generate Enough Opportunities

It's usually not because they have a bad product. It's because they're invisible.

Common reasons include:

- **They Stop Marketing**
- Many companies market only when sales slow down.
- Successful organizations market all year.

They Rely Too Much on Referrals

- Referrals are wonderful.
- They're also unpredictable.
- A business cannot build sustainable growth on something it doesn't control.

Their Website Is Informational

- Many websites explain what a company does.

Very few explain:

- **What business problems they solve**
- **Why they're different**
- **Why prospects should trust them**
- **Why they should act today**

Information doesn't create urgency. Solutions do.

They Don't Follow Up

- One email isn't enough.
- Neither are two.
- Or three.
- Most opportunities are lost because companies simply disappear after the initial outreach.
- Persistence, when it's professional and adds value, is one of the greatest competitive advantages available.

They Wait for Perfect Timing. "We'll start marketing after..."

- we hire someone
- we redesign the website
- business slows
- summer ends
- the budget is approved

Growth rarely happens by waiting.

What Actually Makes the Phone Ring?

- Successful organizations build multiple channels that work together.
- Think of your sales system like an orchestra.
- Every instrument matters.

1. Build Awareness

- People cannot buy from companies they've never heard of.
- Awareness comes from consistency.

Examples include:

- LinkedIn
- Educational articles
- Email campaigns
- Speaking engagements
- Networking
- Industry associations
- Podcasts
- Videos
- Community involvement
- Strategic partnerships

Your goal is simple: **Stay visible.**

2. Educate Instead of Selling

- Modern buyers don't want pressure.
- They want confidence.

Teach people:

- industry trends
- common mistakes
- best practices
- cost-saving ideas
- risk reduction
- emerging technologies
- Education creates trust.
- Trust creates conversations.
- Conversations create opportunities.

3. Stay Top of Mind

- Most prospects aren't buying today.
- That doesn't mean they'll never buy.
- They're simply not ready.
- Companies that stay visible become the obvious choice when timing changes.
- This is why consistent communication matters.

4. Respond Immediately

- Speed matters.
- The first organization to respond often wins.

Fast responses communicate:

- professionalism
- urgency
- reliability
- customer focus

5. Make It Easy to Contact You

- Don't hide behind complicated websites.

Offer multiple ways to connect:

- Phone
- Email
- Calendar scheduling
- Contact forms
- Live chat
- LinkedIn
- Reduce friction.

6. Ask for Referrals

- Satisfied customers are often happy to introduce you to others.
- The mistake?
- Most businesses never ask.

7. Earn Trust Before You Need It

- Trust is built long before someone has a buying need.

Share:

- client success stories
- testimonials
- videos
- case studies
- educational newsletters
- helpful tips
- Trust compounds over time.

The Sales Activity Formula

- Many organizations underestimate the amount of activity required to generate predictable revenue.

A healthy growth system often includes:

- Weekly email campaigns
- Weekly LinkedIn content
- Executive networking
- Referral outreach
- CRM follow-up
- Educational resources
- Strategic partnerships
- Website improvements
- Search visibility
- Customer success stories
- Video marketing
- Regular prospect nurturing
- No single activity is responsible. It's the combination that creates momentum.

Consistency Beats Intensity

- One great marketing campaign won't build a pipeline.
- One LinkedIn post won't generate dozens of opportunities.
- One networking event won't change a company.
- Small actions repeated consistently create extraordinary results.
- The organizations winning today are often not the biggest.
- They're simply the most consistent.

The Biggest Mistake Business Owners Make

- They confuse activity with productivity.
- Being busy isn't the same as creating opportunities.

Ask yourself:

- How many new people learned about us this week?
- How many prospects entered our CRM?
- How many follow-up conversations occurred?
- How many educational resources did we publish?
- How many referral conversations did we have?
- How many prospects visited our website?
- How many requested meetings?
- How many proposals did we deliver?

If those numbers aren't growing...Neither will revenue.

AI Isn't Replacing Sales, It's Multiplying It

- Artificial intelligence is transforming how businesses prospect, research, and communicate.

AI can help:

- Identify buying signals
- Research prospects faster
- Personalize outreach
- Create content
- Improve follow-up consistency
- Analyze CRM data
- Prioritize opportunities
- Automate repetitive tasks

But here's what AI cannot replace:

- Trust
- Relationships
- Listening
- Strategic thinking
- Genuine conversations
- Understanding customer challenges

The organizations that combine AI with authentic relationship-building will outperform those relying on either one alone.

Predictable Revenue Is Built, Not Hoped For

- The companies that consistently generate opportunities don't rely on luck.
- They build systems.
- They measure activity.
- They improve every month.
- They invest in visibility before they desperately need new business.

And they understand one simple truth:

The sales phone rings because of the work you did yesterday, last month, and six months ago, not because you need it to ring today.

If you're waiting for opportunities to magically appear, you're leaving your growth to chance.

If you're committed to creating a repeatable sales system that consistently builds awareness, nurtures relationships, and generates qualified conversations, you'll put your business in a position to grow regardless of market conditions.



Final Thought

- **Hope is not a sales strategy.**
- **Consistency is.**
- Build awareness. Earn trust. Deliver value. Follow up relentlessly. Measure what matters. Improve continuously.
- Do that long enough, and one day you'll stop asking, *"How do I make the phone ring?"*

Instead, you'll be asking, **"How do we keep up with all the opportunities coming in?"**

About DeltaPoint Partners

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Our mission isn't just to help you generate more leads, it's to help you build a sustainable sales engine that creates qualified opportunities month after month, so your business grows with confidence rather than uncertainty.

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