

Executive Message The Power of Planning



The old dictum "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail" is particularly applicable to sales people in all walks of life. If you call on a customer without having a plan in place that outlines your approach, knowledge about the customer, what are his or her buying imperatives, and how you bring value to the customer, you are setting yourself for failure.

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Knowledge and a plan gives you the power to outsell your competition and show the customer that you deserve their business. Before you call on a customer, invest a few minutes of your busy schedule in developing a "pre-call plan" It need not be very elaborate but a game plan which defines...

- ...the purpose of the meeting
- ...what you want to get out of the meeting
- ...what your customer should get out of the meeting
- ...the support materials you need - brochures, product specification
- ...the follow-up plan

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Techno-Timeline The 1980's

1985

Lantech made first Novell reseller in Indiana • Nintendo home entertainment system introduced • Lantech named Cisco Premier Certified Partner • Whole Earth 'Electronic Link (WELL), operated by Stewart Brand on his houseboat, is open for calls • Titanic wreckage found and filmed by robotic camera • Symbolics.com is assigned the first registered domain • Rock Hudson is the first major public figure to die from Aids • 100 years to the day of the last spike being driven on the cross-Canada railroad, the last Canadian university is connected to NetNorth in a one year effort to have coast-to-coast connectivity • An extra second is added to the calendar year.