

How To Use PLR To Boost Your Bottom Line

Module Five: Build Your Funnel

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What Exactly Is A Funnel?

- It's a deliberate way to guide an interested person from content to list to purchase (and hopefully many more purchases in the future).
- Funnels can be simple or complicated.
- Most of them start as a simple three part funnel:
 - Content or landing page \rightarrow Email List \rightarrow Purchase.
- The goal is to introduce yourself to the potential customer or prospect and show them that you know what you're talking about. It's all about building trust.
- People have to know, like, and trust you before they make a purchase. That's a big reason for a funnel.
- The second reason is to increase lifetime customer value.

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Putting The Pieces Together

- So far we've talked about using PLR to create products and lead magnets.
- Of course you can also use it as content on your website, in your emails, and on social media.
- ► Content \rightarrow Lead Magnet \rightarrow Email \rightarrow Product.
- Start with one funnel. Build it out from there.
- Funnels can branch.
- Start small. Build from there. Don't overcomplicate it.

Step One - Your Content

- The beginning of your funnel is where you meet your potential customer or subscriber. That's usually your content.
- It's the blog post, article, social media post, or video someone finds before they decide to sign up for your newsletter.
- Use PLR to spread content far and wide that you can then use to get in front of your audience and get them into your funnel.
- Combine content with relevant opt-in offers for great conversion rates.
- Serial content works great for this. (10 blog posts that also serve as your lead magnet - Content Upgrades.)

Step Two - The Optin Page / Form

- Next, you need a place where people interested to hear more can get on your list.
- Set up a list and create either an optin page or an optin form (or both).
- It's fine to have multiple lists that will funnel into your main newsletter list.
- You can also keep things separated by interest.
- You want multiple entry points for each list. The more, the merrier.

Setting Up Optin Forms & Pages

- Keep it simple. Don't ask for any more information than you actually need. In most cases that means first name and primary email address.
- Create a template for your opt-in forms that you can easily tweak.
- Optin Forms: Headline and Call To Action
- Optin Pages: Add a hook and a few benefits.
- Pay attention to forms and pages that grab your interest. If you're signing up for something, it's something you should study. Consider creating a swipe file to use for inspiration for your own forms and pages.

Step Three - The Thank You Page

- Create a custom Thank You Page for each of your lists.
- Don't rely on auto-generated pages by your autoresponder service provider.
- A Thank You page is a valuable piece of digital real estate.
- Some things you may want to put on your Thank You Page:
 - An offer for a low cost product of yours.
 - An invitation to engage on social media.
 - An affiliate offer that's a tight fit with your lead magnet.
 - All of the above.

Step Four - The Autoresponder Sequence

- Make your new subscribers feel welcome when they first sign up for your list.
- How long should this welcome sequence be?
 - At least one email.
 - Ideally three to five messages send out in quick succession.
- Make sure they know where to download their freebie.
- Let them get to know you and get to know them.
- Remind them of any special offers and give them one more chance to take advantage.
- Encourage them to reply and respond. This will help with delivery rates.
- Not sure what to include here? Join the lists of a few people who are killing it in your niche and take notes.

Step Five - Other Emails

- Broadcast Emails (aka newsletters)
 - These will go out in addition to your autoresponders.
 - They are great for timely messages and offers.
 - Also great for sharing a little of what's going on in your life or business in general.
- Customer Follow Ups
 - Emails that go out when someone buys something.
 - They are great to make follow up sales of related items.
 - This is often the most valuable part of your list.

Bonus Tip:

- You can, and should, have multiple funnels.
- Different funnels allow you to speak directly to different subsets of your target audience.
- Each funnel should also eventually have multiple entry points. Attract new subscribers with fresh lead magnets and new opt-in forms and pages. Mix it up and share away. Make it a habit to create a new entry point and lead magnet regularly.
- You can deliver multiple lead magnets on the same download page. Call the extras a bonus.

Your Assignment

- Map out your funnel with the ideas you have for your lead magnet and first product.
- Get to work putting the bits and pieces into place.
- Remember, you don't have to do it all right now. Start where you are and make progress when you can.