

## Being A Good Resource

Creating a strong company deals with more than just generating a lot of sales.

A company's brand name, the kind of image that they give to the public, can be based on many different things. Some stores have focused on low prices and sales above all else in order to bring people in. For them the sale is all that's going to matter, because that's the only reason why people are shopping with them.

This can work for some companies, but it won't lead to a particularly strong brand name. What you really want is to develop a certain personality behind your company, and from there you can greatly strengthen your brand.

There are all sorts of ways a company can go about trying to accomplish this, but for this article I plan on focusing primarily on the idea of being a good resource for information.

A friend of mine started up a small business about ten years ago that's centered primarily in the train industry. Now, before starting up his business he had worked in the industry for nearly twenty years doing various jobs and had numerous contacts. The primary thing he brought to the table was this very history, and that's what he focused on in his marketing.

The first thing he did was use brochure printing to send out a variety of brochures filled with his experience and areas he had knowledge of. It wasn't long before he had several companies contacting him for information dealing with various different jobs.

He was able to make a name for himself because of that history. There were several occasions where he only provided information to a company free of charge. The point wasn't to make money but to get some great marketing, because it wasn't long before the company came back in order to hire him.

The same can be true of your company. If all you care about is the sale than people aren't going to care very much about your company. A little brochure printing helped establish my friend's company.

Obviously if you've decided to start a company you had a reason to. Why did you pick the industry that you did? Do you have a certain attachment to it, a certain knowledge that most people won't have? This is exactly what you need to start sharing with others.

Make sure that along with selling people a product you're telling them everything they'll need to know about it. Give them all the information they'll need before buying it to give them an informed decision. Sometimes this might actually lead them to another store if you know of someplace else that can provide them with something you can't, but just because you didn't get the sale, that doesn't mean you didn't just get some good marketing.

People like to learn something new, and they like to deal with a person they feel they can trust. If all you're trying to do is sell them something you aren't going to accomplish either of these things.

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