# Follow Up For Success!

How You Can Create a Marketing
System That Creates Clients on Auto
Pilot!



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On average, it takes 6-12 contacts for a person to make a buying decision (varies depending product, industry, cost, etc).

On average, businesses follow up 1-2 times.

That means that we as businesses are leaving money on the table and NOT satisfying the requirements and requests of our prospects / future clients.

Why does this happen? It could be many different reasons, but here are the most common:

- 1. Time business owners don't have the time to follow up
- 2. Expense business owners perceive follow up systems as expensive
- 3. Knowledge business owners don't know what to say or how to say it
- 4. Perception of Bugging business owners don't want to be seen as pests

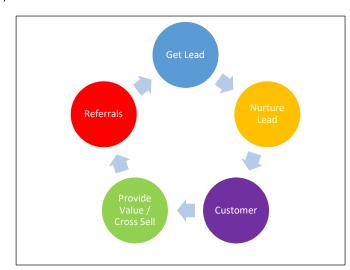
I am going to show you how to create a follow up system that doesn't take much time (<u>after</u> the initial set up), is not expensive, give you instructions on what to say and how to say it, and provide so much value your prospects will actually appreciate you reaching out to them.

#### What is a follow up system?

A follow up system is an automated way to stay in front of prospects and existing clients, providing value and building the 'know, like and trust' factor.

In the figure to the right, the process is:

- 1. Get a Lead
- 2. Nurture the lead
- 3. Convert to client
- 4. Nurture the client
- 5. Get referrals
- 6. Repeat



## Get a lead

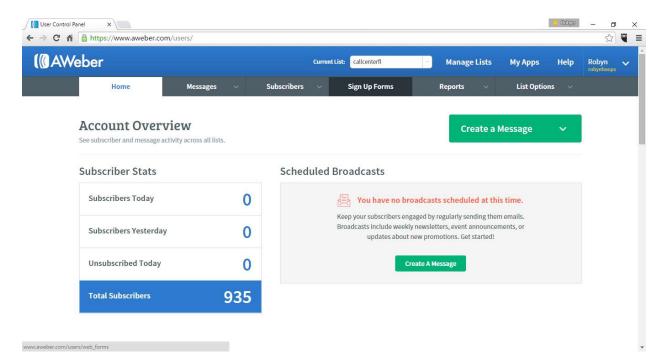
To get a lead, you have to have the ability to <u>capture</u> the lead and you need the traffic. You can use lead capture pages like Lead Pages --- www.leadpages.net (great software that allows you to optimize every piece of your marketing automatically). Lead Pages has automated social media integration as well as text marketing integration. Lead Pages is a little pricey to begin with (>\$400 per year) and doesn't include an autoresponder. Because of that, I am going to just focus on Aweber and it's tools.

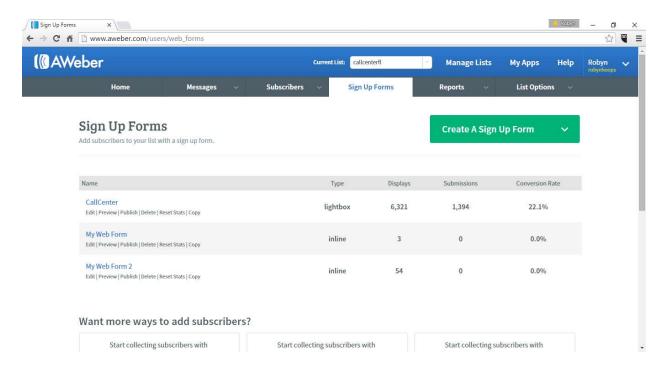
Aweber has a 30 day free trial (which is great to see if you are comfortable with the platform). After that, the cost is \$19/month for up to 500 subscribers. It goes up depending on the number of subscribers you have.

You can also use your email system / auto responder's lead capture forms. These are not as robust as Lead Pages, but they are already included in a system you need to purchase any way.

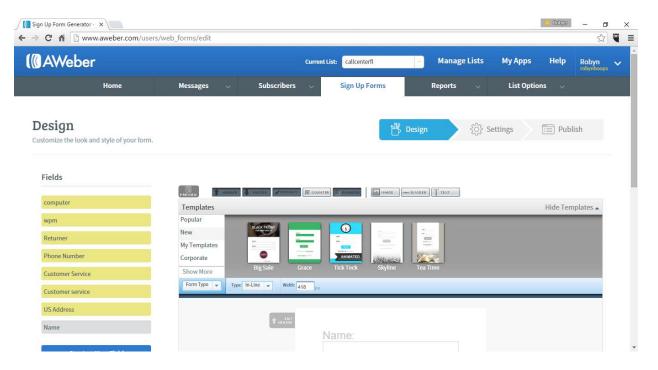
Go to Aweber → <a href="http://followupforsuccess.aweber.com">http://followupforsuccess.aweber.com</a> and sign up for a 30 day free trial.

First we are going to create a lead capture form. First click on 'Sign Up Forms' at the top.

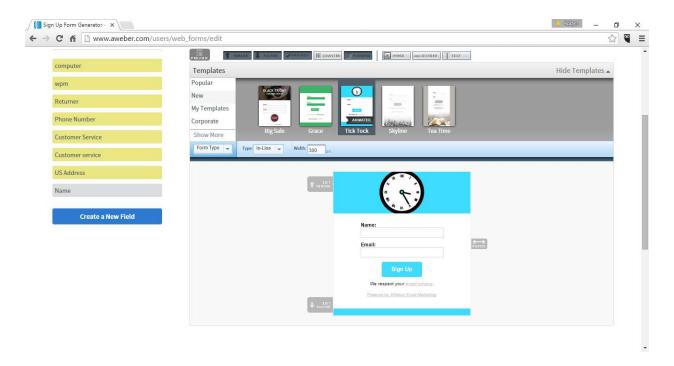




## Click the green "Create a Sign Up Form" button



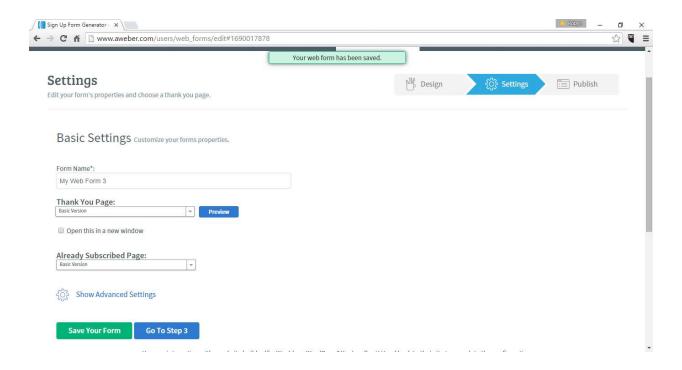
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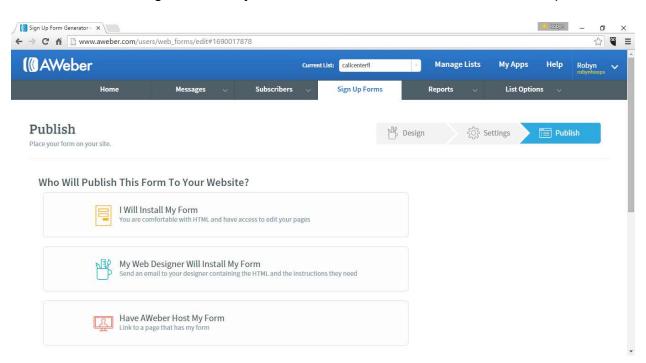
In this part, you can add fields, you can take away fields, you can change the layout, the colors and just about everything on the way it looks.

You will then hit the green 'Save your form' button then hit the blue 'Go to step 2' button.

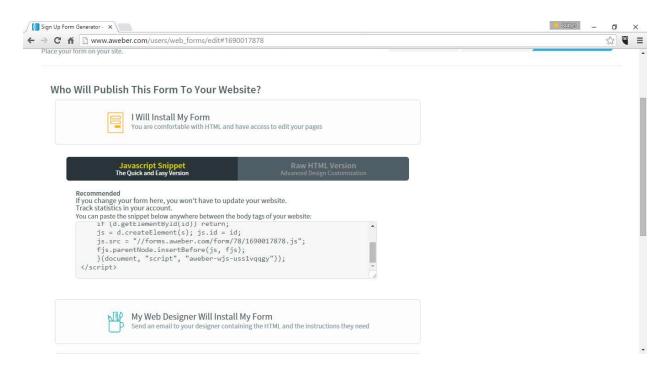
On this page (below), you are setting up the basic settings. You name your form, you choose what type of thank you page (you can do basic, audio, smart video, custom). This is the page your subscribers will be sent to once they complete the form. And the page can have just text, it can have audio, video, or a totally different website. And all it does is it tells your new subscriber THANK YOU and tells them to go to their inbox to approve (Aweber typically uses a double opt-in --- meaning people sign up for the list then get an email that says 'click here to confirm').



You will then hit the green 'Save your form' button then hit the blue 'Go to step 3' button.



This screen allows you to get the code and install it onto your website. I usually just click on the 'I Will Install My Form" because it is very simple to add this to your website (just cut and paste HTML code).



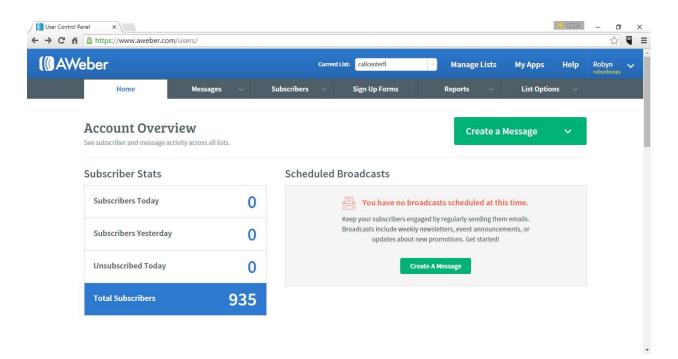
So you just copy and paste that code into the 'text' screen for Wordpress and in the html code for other websites.

# **Nurture the lead**

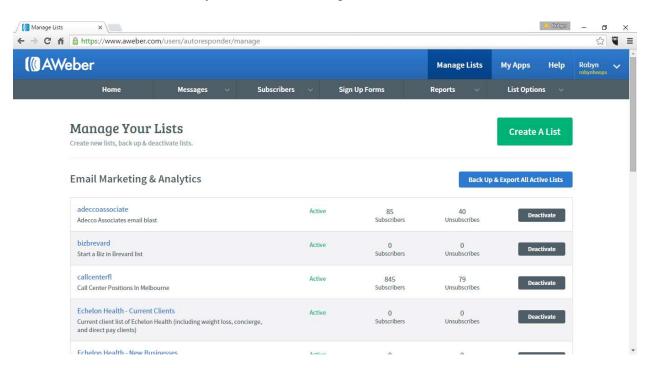
To nurture the lead, you need to have an automated email marketing system. In addition, you need to have a system for maintaining on a regular basis. And you need to integrate into social media.

For the automated email marketing, you will be using Aweber again.

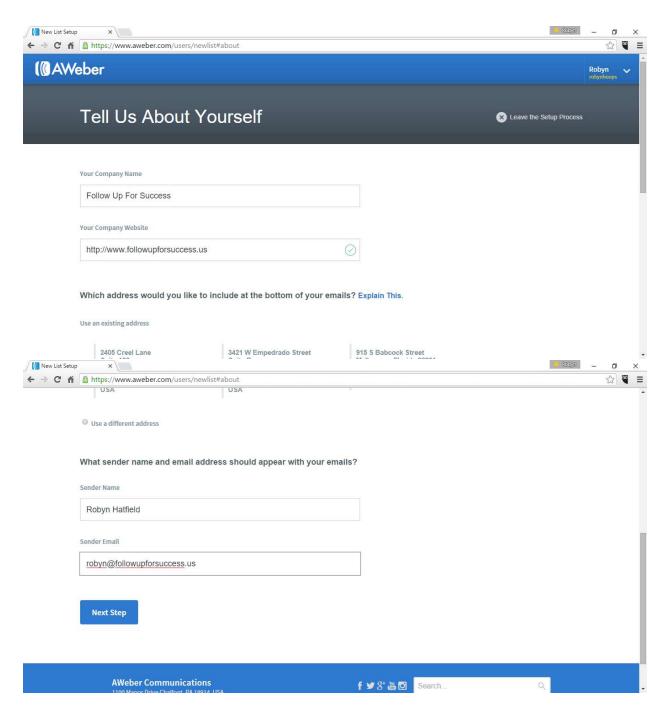
The first thing you need to do is create your list.



So from the above screen, you click on 'Manage Lists.'



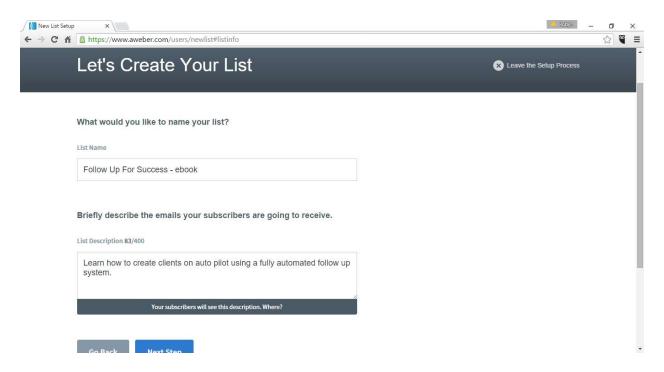
You will then click on the green 'Create A List' button at the top.



You are going to name it, add the website, and add a mailing address. You will also include the sender's name and email.

Then click the blue 'Next Step' button.

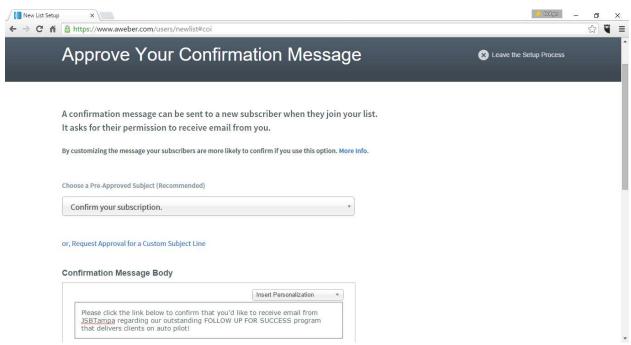
You will now need to name and describe your email list.



Then click on the blue 'Next step' button.

You will now need to add in the information on the follow up email your subscribers will receive (for double opt in). This is received by your subscribers once they complete the form (and this email goes to their email).

You can change the heading and parts of the body.



Now click the green "Approve message and create list" button.

#### NOW IT'S TIME TO CREATE THE ACTUAL EMAILS!

You have the list created, now it's time to create the emails. But before you do that, you need content.

Start with answering these questions:

- 1. Who is your ideal client? Be as specific as possible.
- 2. List 3-5 main objections your ideal client has to buying your product or service.

3. What is most important to your client about your product and service as it pertains to THEIR life? What are they struggling with? How can you help?

4. Tell me about your product/service. What are the main benefits (not features)? What's in it for your client? List as many as you can think of (and as specific and detailed as possible).

5. What are 3 things that most people don't know about your product / service (and most people would WANT TO)?

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7. List 3 interesting facts about your company or your industry that your ideal client would want to know.

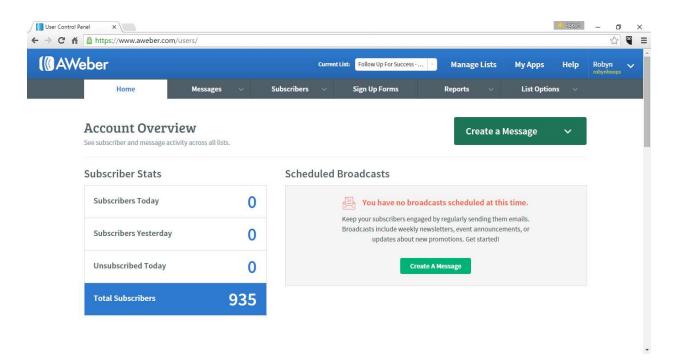
- 8. Do you have events that occur on a regular basis (example: seminar first Thursday of the month)? What are they and when? it's great to invite clients to your events if they are local
- 9. What are your top 10 frequently asked questions?

You will need to create at least 6 emails for follow up for prospects and 6 emails for follow up for clients. You will also want to create:

- White papers
- Checklists
- Ebooks

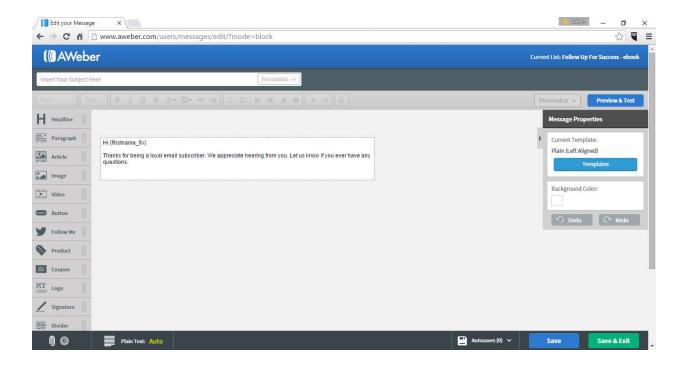
These are high perceived value and your prospects and clients will appreciate you creating and sharing this. You can create these by using the questions above also.

For creating emails, go to Home (on Aweber) and click on the green 'Create a Message' button.



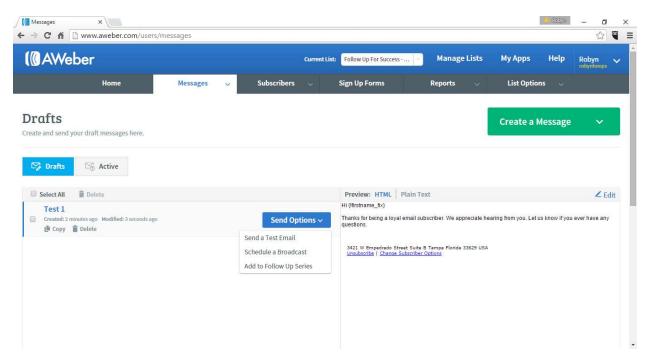
I usually pick the drag and drop builder.

Create your message using the content you created by answering the questions.

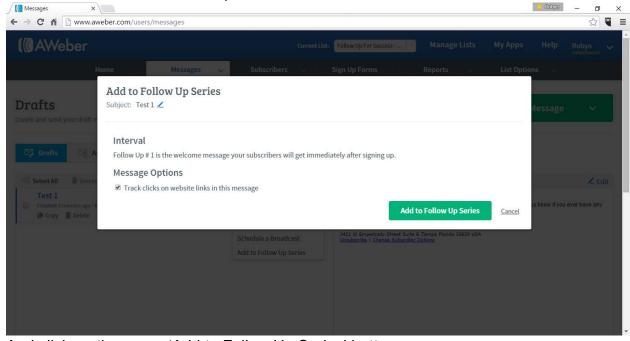


This email builder is very simple to use. You just click on the box you want to add and drag and drop it. Once you completed 1 email, you can click on the green 'Save and Exit' button.

Make sure you Insert your Subject line at the top before saving.

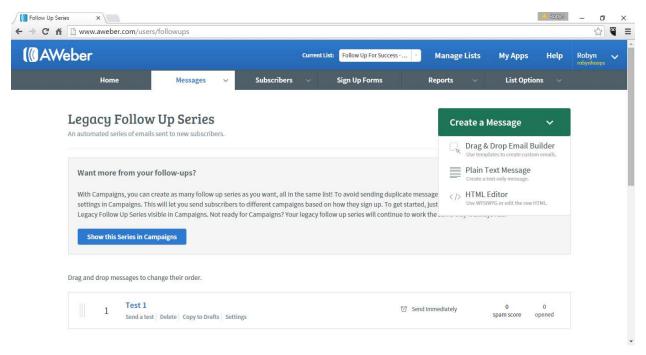


Now you see your message listed in draft. Go to the blue 'Send Options' button and scroll down to 'Add to Follow Up series

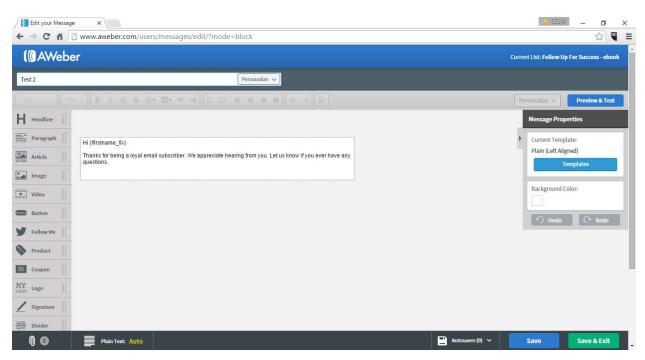


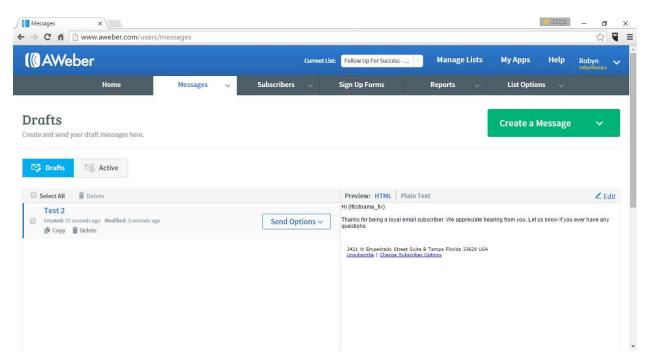
And click on the green 'Add to Follow Up Series' button.

Now you go back through and do the same thing. Click on the green 'Create a Message' button and scroll down to 'Drag & Drop Email Builder.'



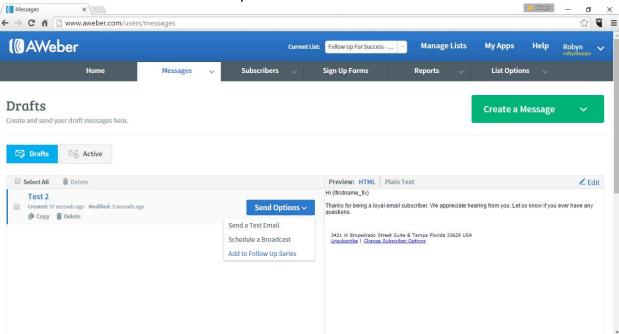
Create the email using your content. Don't forget the subject line. Then click on the green 'Save & Exit' button.



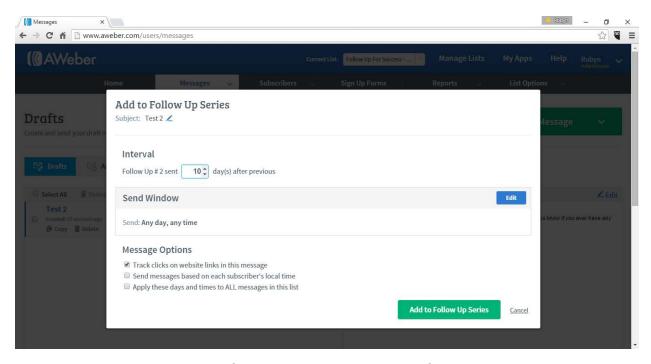


Now click on the 'Send Options' button beside your email (mine is 'Test 2').

And scroll down to 'Add to follow up series.'



This is where you can add the time in between emails. I usually recommend 7-10 days in between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. After that, I usually go 10-21 days. I can always do just a blast email (1 shot email) if I want to get in front of people in between.



You should have a minimum of 6 emails over the course of 90-180 days.

You will also want to CONNECT WITH YOUR PROSPECTS on social media. If you have a small lead flow, you can do this manually. I would strongly suggest that you add in 'connect with me on social media' to every email for them to LIKE your Facebook business page, CONNECT with you personally on LinkedIn, Google+, YouTube (biz), and Twitter. I also think it's great to use Instagram, Pinterest and SlideShare.

# **Convert to A Client**

Congratulations! You have nurtured your lead into a client. But the fun doesn't stop there.

## **Nurture**

You will do exactly like you did earlier for the lead and create a SEPARATE list for clients and create a SEPARATE series of emails. For this content, you want to focus on different or accompanying products to what they purchased, common questions (helps with providing outstanding customer service), reminders of why they have the service (especially if it's a continuity program) and more.

## Referrals

During your nurturing, your focus is giving OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE, providing value, educating the client and ASKING for referrals.

In the normal activity of business, you need to incorporate an automated way to ask for referrals. And that is exactly what you will have in place when you put the email follow up system in place.

## **Thank You!**

Thank you for purchasing this ebook. I hope it helped you start your own follow up system!

If after reading this you think to yourself, 'I see the value but I'm never going to put in the front end effort' JSBTampa does provide complete follow up systems to local businesses. We have 3 plans: Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

To get started with one of the programs listed in the next few pages, please call Robyn at 813.702.5925, email her at <a href="mailto:robyn@jsbtampa.com">robyn@jsbtampa.com</a>.

#### **SILVER**

- ✓ Customized Landing or "Splash" Page with 12 months of hosting
- ✓ Follow up email system with 12 months of hosting
- ✓ Help with writing 4 emails
- ✓ Help with writing 1 white paper
- ✓ Integration with social media
- ✓ Monthly statistics report
- ✓ Monthly call to review reports and to optimize plan

\$250 down and \$50/month

#### **GOLD**

- √ Two (2) customized Landing or "Splash" Pages with 12 months of hosting
- ✓ Follow up email system with 12 months of hosting.
- ✓ Help with writing 8 emails
- ✓ Help with writing 2 white papers
- ✓ Integration with social media
- ✓ Texting email sign up
- ✓ Monthly statistics report
- ✓ Monthly call to review reports and to optimize plan

\$350/down and \$55/ month

#### **PLATINUM**

- ✓ Three (3) customized Landing or "Splash" Pages with 12 months of hosting.
- ✓ Follow up email system with 12 months of hosting.
- ✓ Help with writing 12 emails
- ✓ Help with writing 2 white papers
- ✓ Integration with social media
- ✓ Texting email sign up
- ✓ Monthly statistics report
- ✓ Monthly call to review reports and to optimize plan

\$500/down and \$60/month

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