

AVOID THESE TOP 9 MISTAKES

WHEN MARKETING YOURSELF

1. NOT COMMUNICATING WHAT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT.

Focus on what makes you unique and build your message around what keeps your customers coming back.

2. THINKING TOO SMALL.

You're reaching an online audience now, not just your local customers. Keep your thinking focused on both local and global.

3. USING THE WRONG HOOK.

Are you fishing with the wrong bait? To hook your customers, focus on the results and benefits for your buyer, not yourself.

4. SELLING YOURSELF SHORT.

Does your audience understand everything you have to offer? Position yourself as a solutions provider rather than "just a [blank]."

5. FORGOING CONSISTENCY.

Your audience expects the same brand and messaging across all of your online and offline marketing channels.

6. COMPLICATING THE SIMPLE.

Marketing doesn't have to be complicated. Keep your focus on being helpful, connecting their problems with your solution.

7. SPEAKING OVER YOUR BUYERS' HEAD.

Big words don't impress in marketing. Use simple, understandable language that communicates what your company is all about.

8. CONSIDERING IT DONE.

Effective marketing is continually re-evaluated. Set up regular brand and marketing maintenance to keep fresh eyes on any adjustments that need to be made.

9. NOT MARKETING.

No marketing = no relationship building. Your audience is waiting to get to know you. Don't get bogged down in perfection; just begin by focusing on getting to know your customers.