

The Ultimate Listing Presentation Part 1: Dialogue Begins in:





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Why was <u>TULP</u> created?

Because of the internet, today's buyer is very well informed, today's seller is not. While buyer information is obtained online, ACCURATE seller information is still "agent driven"

Many agents are unable to explain the forces driving today's market, and are subject to an erosion of their value proposition and ultimately their commission dollar

Agent value is no longer information, but rather interpretation of information

Individual agents no longer control the information, so they must control the physical inventory

Third party companies seek to control the seller side of the transaction, putting themselves between individual agents and the consumer



Being professional and providing strategy is always important, but it doesn't always matter...

NOW IT MATTERS!



Issues Currently Shaping the Market

9-year Market Run has slowed/but appears to be re-starting

The Market is bifurcating (splitting) with some listings still in bidding wars, while others just sit

For the average priced home in most markets, pending sales numbers are higher than new listing week over week

Absent a relationship with an agent, GOOGLE is the new frontier for listing leads



Sellers have a "2021" mentality

Buyers have a 2008/2009 mentality

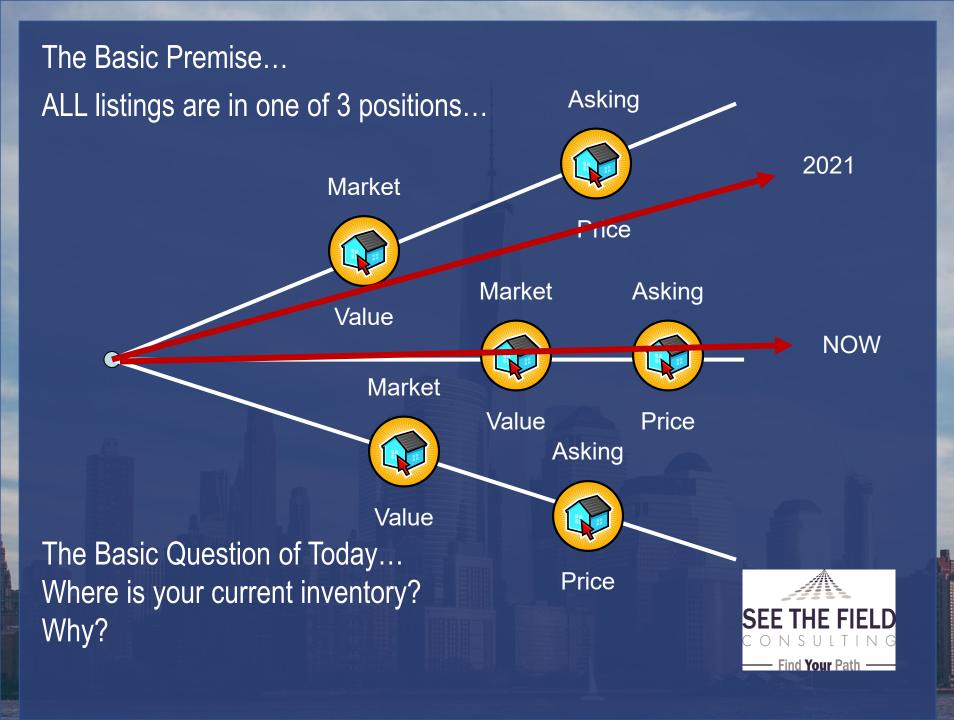
Both parties will have a tendency to overplay their hands, bringing emotion to the table for the other party

As a general rule, agents had stopped running CMA's for the last 2 years, leading to overpricing

Sellers are still in control, but buyers have "time leverage"

Setting/Managing proper seller expectations has NEVER been more important!





THE "RULES" OF LISTING PROPERTY

Rule #1

It's not about YOU! It's about the seller and their situation!

Rule #2

Sellers don't "mutate" in the middle of a transaction

Rule #3

Sellers have selective hearing and selective memory

Rule #4

It's a TWO-STEP Process!!

Rule #5

Listing property is more competitive than it has ever been!



WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A LISTING AGENT?

Leverage!

There has NEVER been an effective <u>long term</u> "buy side" model in real estate



BUYER:

1 Transaction

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$200,000 (Avg. Sales Price)

<u>x 3%</u> (Buyer's Agent)

$6,000
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SELLER:

1 Listing Agent

1 Closed Sale

1 Transaction

1 Cross Sales

= \$200,000 (Listing Agent)

= \$200,000 (Selling Agent)

= \$200,000 (Buyer's Agent)

= <u>\$200,000</u> (Buyer's Agent)

\$800,000 X3% \$24,000

TRUTH:

If you want to be a listing agent, you MUST master a listing presentation!



TRUTH:

The most important thing you can do for your career in real estate is to MASTER a listing presentation.

TRUTH #2:

"If the quest is for more money in less time, then mastery of a listing presentation is the key"

WHY?

In every area of life, mastery builds confidence and frees up TIME!



UNIQUE SELLING PROPOSITIONS

"Price is only an issue in the absence of value"

WHAT MAKES YOU BETTER THAN OTHER AGENTS?

WHY SHOULD SOMEONE HIRE YOU?

REMEMBER:

- 1. If you don't know, the public won't either!
- 2. Be specific!
- 3. Avoid "Big Words"



Possible USP's

Cancellation Guarantee Direct Line Sign Calls Circle Prospecting Calls 48 HOUR Feedback Weekly Phone Updates **BI-WEEKLY Market Report** Reverse Prospecting System Homes.com Individual **Team**

Find Your Path -

Possible USP's

Social Media Marketing
Professional Staging
Professional Photography
Just Listed Postcards
Past Client/Sphere Marketing

Open House Process (Mailing to Move-Up Neighborhood)

"TOP 100" Marketing List

Process Explanation

MARKET KNOWLEDGE

LISTING CONVERSATION DIALOGUE



In today's world...

USP's will get you in the door, but DIALOGUE gets you the deal!



THE "ORDER OF THINGS"

Prelisting Phone Conversation

Prelisting Appointment

Homework (24 Hour Minimum)

Confirm Listing Appointment

Past Experiences

One of Three Things

Uncover Important Issues

Ask For Commitment

Prioritize

Win/Lose Mutual Expectations

CMA

Marketing Plan

CLOSE

Today's Session

Session 2

Session 3





THE INITIAL PHONE CONVERSATION

Handling the initial phone conversation properly may do more to set you apart from the competition than any other activity.

The key to this conversation is the prelisting questionnaire.

When you have someone who expresses a desire to list their home, ALWAYS GO DIRECTLY TO THE QUESTIONAIRE!!

Print the questionnaire on BRIGHT COLORED PAPER! This will enable you to easily find it, and BE CONFIDENT when you have a listing lead!

REMEMBER: The questionnaire is nothing more than "talking points". It will allow you to handle the phone call professionally and confidently!! You do not have to ask the questions in order, but be sure that the questionnaire is completely filled out!



Pre-Listing Questionnaire

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	#Half Baths:			Fireplace/location:	
Basement:		Walkout?:			Finished:
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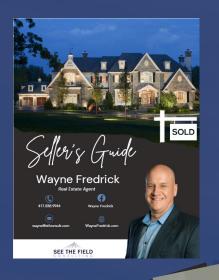
DELIVER THE PRE-LISTING PACKAGE

Hand deliver the pre-listing package to the home. It is strongly suggested you use the pre-listing package and pre-deliver it for the following reasons:

- 1. It sets you apart from your competition.
- 2. It makes you appear extremely professional.
- 3. It addresses common listing objections.
- 4. It leverages your time.



Pre-Listing Packet



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19 TARGET SOC

20 FULL COLOR

If I could add other

What must I do to

What must I

Listing Strategy

The Importance of Intelligent Pricing

Timing is extremely Important In the real estate market. A property attracts the most excitement and Interest from the real estate community and potential buyers when it is first listed. Therefore, it will have the highest chance of selling when it is new on the market.

HOW TO MAXIMIZE BUYER EXPOSURE

Your greatest exposure to buyers comes in the first 21 days on the market. Pricing your home correctly up front will ensure the greatest percentage of interest and maximize your chance of getting an offer quickly.

PRICING YOUR HOME AT A GREATER AMOUNT THAN NECESSARY JUST TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS REDUCES YOUR EXPOSURE TO ONLY 10-30%.

EXAMPLE:

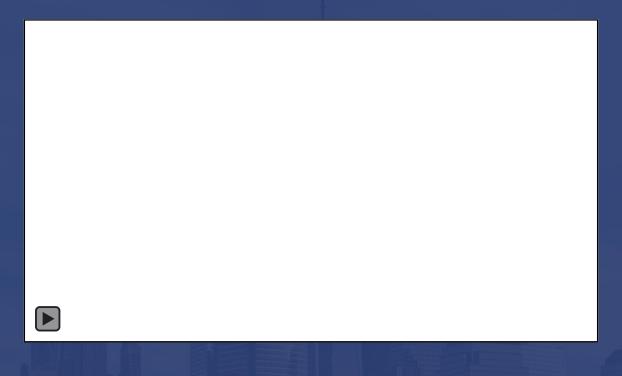
* PRICED AT THE MARKET VALUE: \$225,000 (60% EXPOSURE) PRICED AHEAD OF THE MARKET: \$200,000 (83% BUYER EXPOSURE!!)

TOP 10% RULE

YOUR PROPERTY MUST BE ONE OF THE 10 BEST PRICED HOMES TO



Video Card





What should a pre-list packet include?



Pre-Listing Dialogue...

"As we tour your home, why don't you pretend I'm a buyer and show me around your home; pointing out what YOU feel are the selling features of the home."

OR

"If you would, show me around your house, and tell me what made you purchase this home over others that you considered."

Seller: "Where do you want to start?"

Agent: "Wherever you would like"

Historically, Sellers will begin with the room that is their favorite (the one they believe will increase value)

Using the pre-listing questionnaire, take notes on what the seller points out, but DO NOT COMMENT!

REMEMBER: THE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT IS FOR YOU TO SEE THE CONDITION OF THE HOME.

**<u>THIS APPOINTMENT SHOULD LAST</u>
<u>NO MORE THAN 15-20 MINUTES. ANY</u>
<u>LONGER THAN THAT IS</u>

DANGEROUS!**



Pre-Listing Dialogue...

When leaving the home give the pre-listing packet to the seller and give a quick explanation:

"Here is a packet of information that tells you more about me and the way that I work. In the back is a questionnaire, please fill it out prior to our next meeting, it will be the basis for our conversations. There is also a Sellers Disclosure Statement. If you could fill that out as well, that would be great."



Special Note

As you are handing people the packet and getting ready to leave, this is the time a seller may look at you and say:

"So, what do you think?" or they may say "So, what do you think our home is worth?"



Your response HAS to be:

"I don't know, but I promise you that tomorrow (or whenever the next appointment is) I will be able to tell you EXACTLY what the value is and what our marketing plan needs to be. If I give you a number right now, I will be shooting from the hip, and I will probably shoot myself in the foot, so please give me until our next appointment and we will go through everything in detail."

If they continue to press, say:

"I have a lot of research to do based on what you have pointed out as the features of your home. But I promise you I will have all of the information you need when we get back together."



Then make sure you leave!!

1. Have you ever sold a home before? Please tell me about each experience...

2. Do you think selling a home is "easy" or "hard"?

3. How long do you believe it should take to sell your home?

4. How much negotiation do you believe should go on in the sale of a home?

5. What is the most important issue in the sale of your home?

6. What is the next most important issue?

7. What else is important in the sale?



- 8) What do you expect from the agent that you hire to represent you?
- 9) What can the agent expect from you?
- 10) How does someone "win" with you? (What must I ALWAYS DO in dealing with you?)

11) How does someone "lose" with you? (What must I make sure I NEVER DO in dealing with you?)

- 12) How do you prefer to communicate? (face to face, voicemail, e-mail, text etc)
- 13) On a scale of 1-10 with "1" being dishonest, and "10" being incredibly honest; how honest do you want me to be with you?



CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT

After you have visited the house and set the se prelisting packet) then have the following phone		
"Mr./Mrs. Seller, this is with time? Great."	n RE/MAX	Did I catch you at a bad
"I was just calling confirm our appointment and there tonight at <u>(time)</u> ."	to make sure both you ar	nd <u>(Spouse)</u> will be
"Did you have an opportunity to review the info	rmation I delivered?"	
IF YES—"Great!"		
IF NO—"It would be great if you could review thunderstand. I really appreciate your time and I	The state of the s	

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Step #2 The Listing Presentation

"Seek first to understand, then to be understood" —Stephen Covey

"Nothing gives one man more control over the other than to remain cool and unruffled in all circumstances"

-Thomas Jefferson



TRUTH: "Someone in every listing presentation is going to be PASSIONATE about the price of the home. The problem is, 95% of the time it's the seller not the agent"



Remember that the seller only has to defend their position with <u>emotion</u>.

You must be prepared to defend your position <u>logically</u>, and from <u>every possible angle</u>.



No-one wants to be told what to do. Everyone wants to have some input into decisions that effect them.

You must <u>create an environment that welcomes</u> <u>questioning</u>.



If presentation is being done in the office, (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED) follow these rules:

- 1. Have the receptionist move them into the conference room.
- 2. Ask receptionist to page you at your desk (never overhead) when the client is seated.
- 3. Never leave the client waiting more than 3 minutes.



BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION

Mr./Mrs. Seller, I'd like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak with you tonight. You have a great home!

Before we get started, I'd like to ask you a question.

Have you ever been through the process of selling a home?"

"Yes."

"Tell me about that. Was it a good experience or a bad experience?"

IF NO:

"Do you have any friends that sold homes? What have they told you about their experiences?"

OR:

"Do you have any pre-conceived ideas about the sales process at all?"



THE "BIG THREE" QUESTIONS



- 1. Do you think selling a home is hard or easy?
- 2. Do you think it takes a long time, or not very long?
- 3. Do you think there is a lot or a little negotiation that goes on?

At this level of the conversation, you are trying to find out the sellers "baggage", in other words...what's going on in their head?



GO "THREE DEEP" WITH ALL QUESTIONS

HUGE POINT ALERT!!

WRITE DOWN ALL ANSWERS EXACTLY AS THE SELLER STATES THEM.

IF YOU ARE NOT <u>CRYSTAL CLEAR</u> ON THE SELLERS ANSWERS, CONTINUE TO ASK QUESTIONS UNTIL YOU ARE SURE THAT WHAT YOU HEARD IS WHAT THEY SAID!!



3 HUGE WORDS

WHAT?

WHY?

HOW?



BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION

Take control and be confident! You are the professional!

TRUTH: This conversation is VITAL.

"Mr./Mrs. Seller, at the end of tonight, one of three things will happen:

First, you may list your home with me and that would be great!

Secondly, you may choose to list your home with someone else, and to be honest, that wouldn't be so great.

Or thirdly, I may be unable to take the listing.

"Now, that may sound strange to you, so let me explain."

"As we visit here tonight, we may come across a need or expectation you have that I feel I cannot satisfy or exceed. If we reach that point, I may be unable to take the listing."

"Does that make sense?"



Why is this conversation so important?

This conversation allows you to let the seller know <u>POLITELY</u> that you are willing to walk out of the presentation.



UNCOVERING THE IMPORTANT ISSUES

You must stay totally neutral during this process. This is not the time to address each specific issue. Remember...GO THREE DEEP!

What is the MOST IMPORTANT issue in the sale of your home? In other words, what has to happen for you to consider the sale of your home a success?

"What is important to you about <u>(answer given)</u>?"

"What else is important to you about <u>(answer given)</u>?"



"What is the next most important issue?"

"What is important to you about ____(answer given)___?"

"What else is important to you?"

"What is important to you about ____(answer given)___?"

"What is important to you about ____(answer given)___?"

"What else is important to you about _____(answer given)___?"

Always write down the answers, and read them back to sellers <u>EXACTLY AS THEY HAVE</u> <u>SAID THEM!</u> Your goal is to get the sellers focused, and to find their most valued criteria.



CHECKING FOR COMMITMENT

If I can show you a way we can satisfy these needs tonight, would there be any reason you wouldn't hire me to represent you?

NOTE: At this point you are looking for an option that the seller hasn't shared with you yet. A relative in the business, a discounter, or the fact that they may go FSBO.

Never push! Your goal is to allow the potential seller to self-discover what a working relationship with you would be like. Also, always come back to these needs when handling objections or when seller loses focus.



EXPECTATIONS

"Mr./Mrs. Seller, can we change gears for a moment?"

"What do you expect out of the agent you hire?"

"What can I expect from you?"



"How does someone WIN with you?"
(What must I always do when dealing with you?)

"How does someone LOSE with you?"
(What must I never do when dealing with you?)



"What is your preferred communication style? Voicemail, e-mail, phone, fax, face to face etc."

"On a scale of 1-10 with 1 being dishonest and 10 being totally honest, how honest do you want me to be with you in our dealings?"



Truth:

Every relationship breaks down over a lack of "checking off" on expectations.

Bigger Truth:

Expectation dialogue doesn't just "happen". You have to take the conversation there.

"Well Mr./Mrs. Seller, I asked you what you expected of me and what I could expect of you, I have my own list. Here is what I expect of sellers, and what I think sellers have a right to expect from me."

GO THROUGH YOUR LIST POINT BY POINT!



What You Can Expect From Me

What I Expect From You

"Mr./Mrs. Seller,
I don't know about you,
but I think our list
matches up.

Would you agree?
I would love the opportunity to represent you in the sale of your home."

To be honest with you about the sale of your house

To always look out for your best interests

To continually and constantly market your property.

To call you within 48 hours of every showing

To return your phone calls

To talk to you at least once per week

To handle all the details of your transaction

To handle all dealings in a professional manner

To give you honest feedback from each showing

To advise you on changes that could be made to the property to increase marketability

To keep your house in "Ready to Show" condition

To allow me to install a lockbox on the property

To turn on all the lights when the property is being shown.

To allow easy access for other agents to show your home

To call me after each showing

To listen to my opinions objectively

To be honest with me about our performance

To call me about any questions you have regarding your transaction



Once you have agreement that you want to work together, and have common expectations, it's time for the next step...

PRICING





See you March 20th @12:00pm CT for The Ultimate Listing Presentation Part 2: Pricing

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