### Successful Sales Best Practices and Proven Techniques

HVAC Mechanical Air Sealing and Insulation Duct Sealing Home Performance

October 24, 2024



Energy Efficiency Program

#### **Safety Moment**



- Always face the ladder when ascending or descending
- Always maintain 3 points of contact
- The top of the ladder should never be used as a step
- Ladders shouldn't be moved, shifted or extended while occupied
- Never carry an object or load that could cause you to lose your balance

#### **Our Presenter**



#### **Tom Piscitelli**

His 45 years of experience in HVAC sales training, sales management, sales coaching, and business coaching have given him a broad and diverse business expertise. Tom has developed his sales training and business capabilities by working with major manufacturers, distributors, contractors, builders and utilities.

### Selling with TRUST®

The Most Effective Sales
Training for Sales Professionals



### T.R.U.S. .. Sales Process



### The Six Sales Behaviors that Create Extraordinary Sales Results:

- 1. Asking for the sale
- 2. Engaging customers in the discovery of their problems
- 3. Offering CHOICES®
- 4. Using financing effectively
- 5. Following up until the customer "says YES or NO"
- 6. Adapting your selling style to match your customer's



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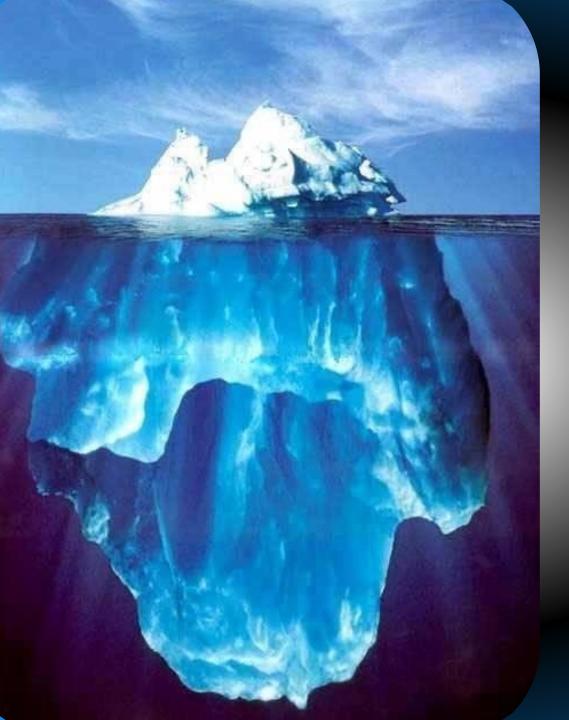


#### The TRUST® Promise

You will be more comfortable and confident during your sales calls, producing happier customers, creating even greater sales success.







The Customer sees very little of what we do...

Just like the tip of an iceberg...



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### Sell Yourself

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- Licensed
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# Sell a SOLUTION to your customer's problems



## When you talk, you have no idea what the customer is thinking about.

When you ask questions, you can influence what the customer is thinking, but you cannot <u>control</u> their thoughts.



# People don't care how much you know,

until they first know how much you care.

Zig Ziglar



"When you say it, they can doubt you.

When they say it, it's true!"

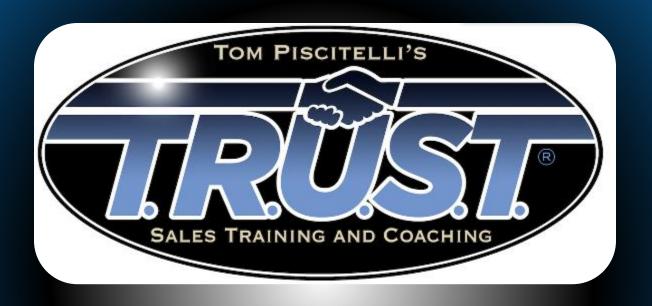
Michael Oliver



### Listening ... is a gift you give.

**Michael Oliver** 





T.R.U.S.T.<sup>®</sup> Principles











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ALWAYS TELL THE
TRUTH. THAT WAY,
YOU DON'T HAVE
TO REMEMBER WHAT
YOU SAID.

#### THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is...

TRUSTWORTHY OBEDIENT

LOYAL

CHEERFUL

HELPFUL

THRIFTY

FRIENDLY

BRAVE

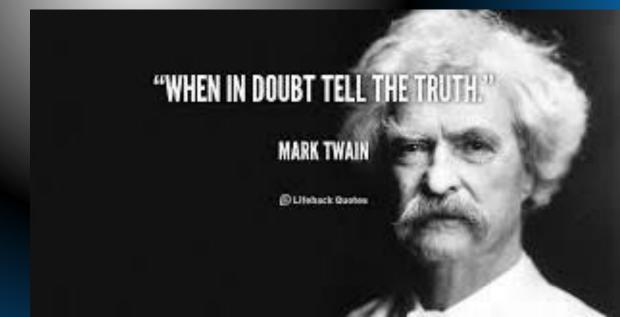
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CLEAN

KIND

REVERENT







### Relationship







### Understand





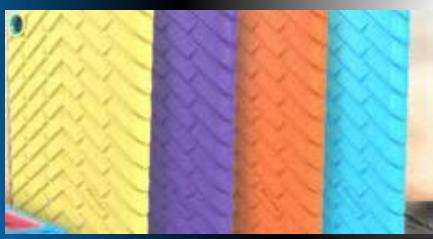






### Show them CHOICES®











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"Timid salesmen have skinny kids."

# Selling is simple. Just find out what the customer wants and offer it to them.



- Problems exist in every home
- Homeowners want someone they can trust
- People want information
- Everyone appreciates having choices
- You <u>can</u> ask for the sale without being pushy



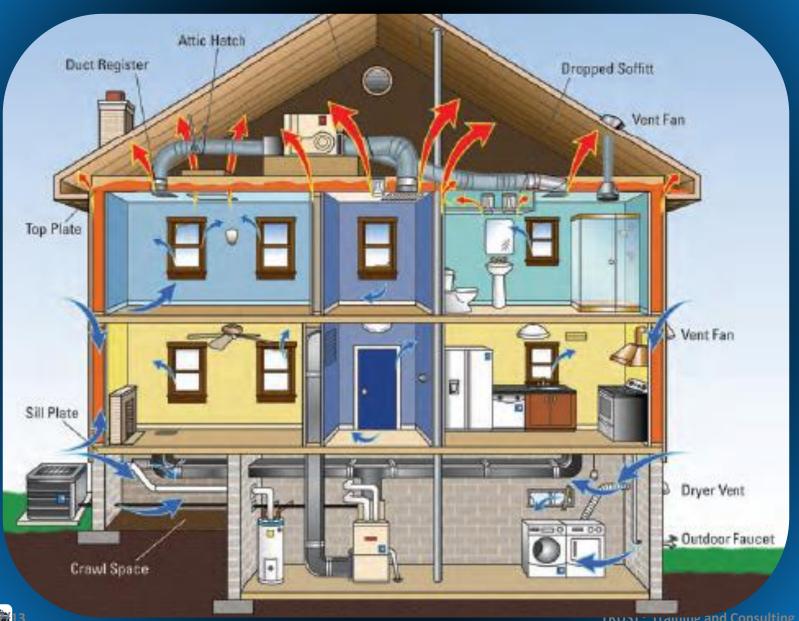
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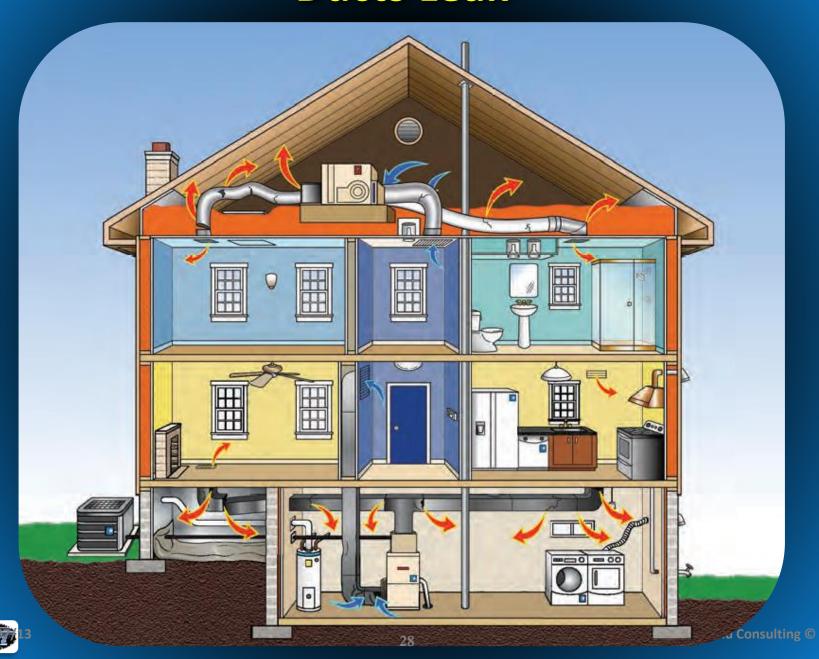
Customers expect you, as an expert, and as their advocate, to investigate everything that is important and could be a problem for their family or business.



### **Houses Leak!**



#### **Ducts Leak**

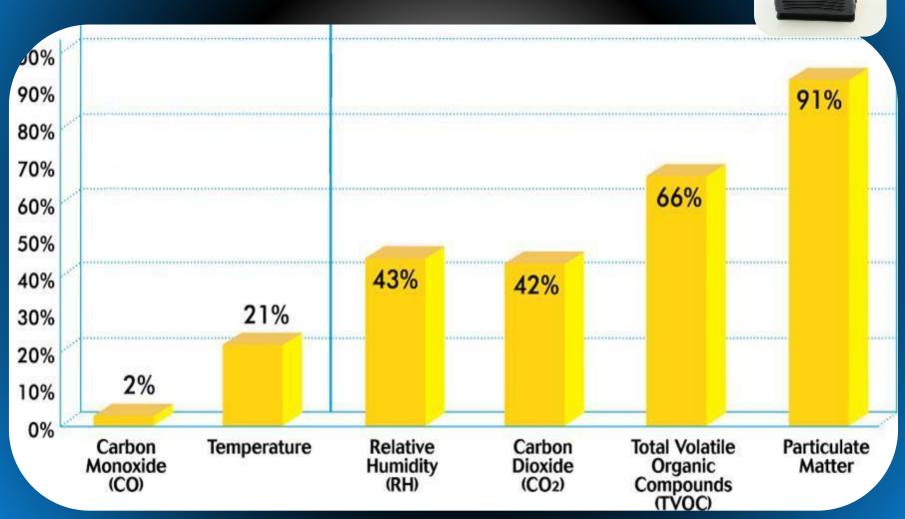


### Missing or Insufficient Insulation



#### AirAdvice® Data

Frequency of Specific IAQ issues

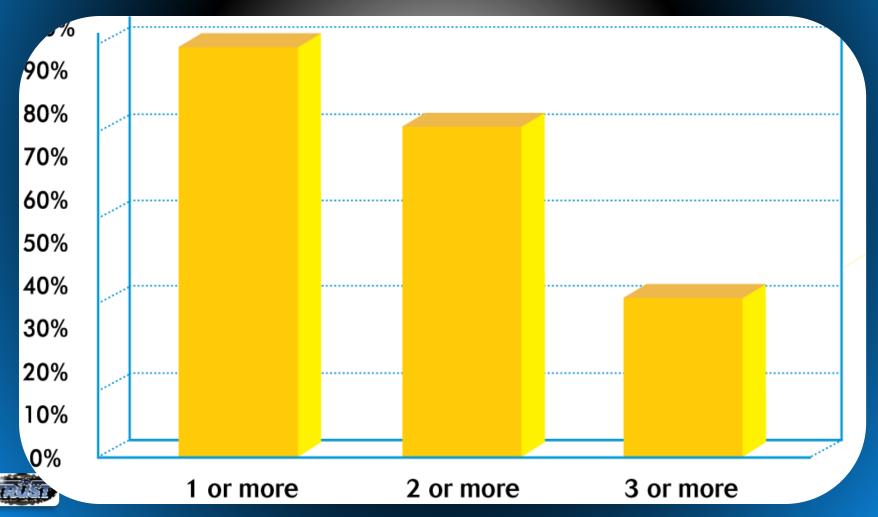




### Nearly 80% of Homes Have Two or More Problems



#### Percent of Homes with 1 or More IAQ issues



#### **Solving Your Customer's Problems**



Have you ever replaced just the equipment, and the customer still had comfort, health and/or high energy bills complaints?



What are we selling?

What is the customer buying?

Customers buy *solutions* to *their* problems.



### R.U.S. .. \*Sales Process



# Creating solutions for your customers begins with your sincere interest in helping them.



Giving your customers choices will show them that you respect their ability to make a choice.



# The choices you offer are based on the problems you discovered by:

- Asking questions
- Surveying the home and the system
- Taking appropriate measurements



Engaging customers in the discovery process will create their ownership of your proposed solutions.



#### **TRUST® Process for Creating Choices**

Problem + Cause + Consequence = Choices

- 1. Find a problem
- 2. Explain what caused it
- 3. Tell them the consequence of not fixing it
- 4. Ask if they would like to know what their choices are to fix it



#### What Are Your Customers' Problems

- ✓ Hot and cold spots
- ✓ HIGH energy bills
- ✓ Allergies
- ✓ Excessive noise
- ✓ Reliability concerns



#### **Benefits from Solving Problems**

- ✓ More Comfort
- ✓ Save Energy and Money
- √ Healthier
- **√** Quieter
- ✓ Peace of Mind



#### What Are Your Customers' Problems

- ✓ Comfort: Hot and cold spots or drafty
- **✓** HIGH energy bills
- ✓ Allergies or indoor air quality
- ✓ High or low humidity
- ✓ Water infiltration
- ✓ Ice dams
- ✓ Excessive noise
- ✓ Reliability concerns



# When the total of ALL of the BENEFITS exceeds the price... then the customer will BUY!



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#### **How Can Energy Efficiency be Part of the Solution?**

- High Utility bills
  - Save money and energy without sacrificing comfort
  - May have higher upfront cost but offers a better return on investment
- Environment- Efficiency is better for environment and lowers carbon footprint
- Commercial customers
  - Lower operating costs
  - Helps with sustainability goals
  - A combination of different choices can meet energy, money savings, and carbon footprint goals.





#### American Standard

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING





PLATINUM  Maximum Efficiency Heating and Cooling	Most Comfortable  Greatest Utility Sevings  Adapts to the Customer  10-Year 100% Parts and Labor Warranty  100% Satisfaction Guarantee	\$ 353 /mo* 9.99% APR Until Paid in Full, 1.25% min pmt \$ 28,201
GOLD Upgraded Efficiency Heat/Upgrade Cool	Very Comfortable  • Excellent Utility Savings  • 2 Stage Heating and Cooling  • 10-Year 100% Parts and Labor Warranty  • 100% Satisfaction Guarantee	\$ 218 /mo* 9.99% APR Until Paid in Full, 1.25% min pmt \$ 17,439
SILVER Minimum Efficiency Heat/Upgraded Cool	Excellent Comfort  Good Utility Savings  2-Stage Heating 1-Stage Cooling  10-Year Parts and 1 Year Labor Warranty  100% Satisfaction Guarantee	\$ 138 /mo* 9.99% APR Until Paid in Full, 1.25% min pmt \$ 11,014
BRONZE  Minimum Efficiency Heating / Cooling	Comfortable  1-Stage Cooling, 1-Stage Heating  1-Stage Heating 1-Stage Cooling  10-Year Parts and 1 Year Labor Warranty	\$ 97 /mo* 9.99% APR Until Paid in Full, 1.25% min pmt \$ 7,787





#### PLATINUM SYSTEM: COMFORT ASSURANCE PACKAGE

#### These items are included in the price...

- Adaptive Intelligent Heating & Cooling System
- Upgrade & Replace the Entire Duct System
- Upgrade & Renovate the Existing Duct System
- Add Return Air
- · Comfort Net Control System with WiFi
- SecureAire Air Purification System
- Clean Comfort Whole House Dehumidifier
- · Reme BLU QR UV Stick
- 2 Year Comfort Agreement Membership
- Quality Inspection





Thermostats and Controls

+ See More



Service and Maintenance

+ See More



Indoor Air Quality Solutions

+ See More

Rebates & Adjustments



Apply to all packages

\$ 26,909











#### Indoor Air Quality Solutions

Provide healthy and clean air quality and reduce allergens with these opti

SecureAire Air Purification System	\$ 2,632	<b>②</b>	Included
Whole House Air Duct Cleaning	\$ 1,311	<b>②</b>	Included
Honeywell High Efficiency Air Filter	\$ 626		\$7/month
Ultra-Violet Coil Sterilization System	\$ 1,042	<b>②</b>	Included
Whole-House Dehumidification System	\$ 3,947	<b>②</b>	Included
Whole-House Powered Bypass Humidifier	\$ 1,289		\$15/month
Whole-House Bypass Humidifier	\$ 942		\$11/month







#### Thermostats and Controls

Increase your home's efficiency and comfort level with these options:

Upgraded WiFi Touchscreen Thermostat	\$ 205		\$2/month
Ecobee Thermostat	\$ 416	<b>②</b>	Included
NSI Carbon Dioxide Monitor	\$ 521	<b>②</b>	Included
3-Zone Comfort Controller	\$ 2,000		\$24/month
Surge Protector for Furnace	\$184	<b>②</b>	Included
Surge Protector for AC Condenser	\$ 184	<b>②</b>	Included

\$353 per month on APPROVED CREDIT

\$ 28,201







#### Service and Maintenance

Protect your investment and get peace of mind with these options:

1-Year Maintenance Program	\$ 200		\$2/month
3-Year Maintenance Program	\$ 600		\$7/month
5-Year Maintenance Program	\$ 1,000	<b>②</b>	Included
5-Year 100% Parts and Labor Warranty	\$ 737		\$9/month
10-Year 100% Parts and Labor Warranty	\$ 1,263		\$15/month
12-Year 100% Parts and Labor Warranty	\$ 1,579	<b>②</b>	Included

\$ 353 per month on APPROVED CREDIT

\$ 28,201





#### System Selection Recap

This proposal serves as a recap of estimated price and configuration of the selected system. Please call to receive a formal sales and purchase agreement.



License#1234 Anytown, USA (888) 321-HEAT sales@mycompany.com Proposal Date: March 30, 2019

Additional Features & Accessories

Upgrade and Air Seal Existing Duct System

➤ FocusPRO® 6000 programmable T-stat

Honeywell Digital Programmable Thermostat Nest Protect Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detector

AprilAire Model 700 High-Capacity Humidifier

10-yr Parts and Labor Warranty

AprilAire Electronic Air Cleaner

➤ 2 Year Precision Tune-Up

Proposed By: tom Proposal ID: 02

Cust. Name: Lone Ranger

Cust. Address: Cust. Phone: Cust. Email:

#### **Gold System Comfort Assurance Package**

Split System AC with Gas Furnace (a) System Type:

3.0 Ton System Size:

System Efficiency:

Job Notes:

#### Base Features Included in Package

- ➤ High Efficiency, More Comfort
- Classic Plus Series 2
- Two Stage Operation
- ► Quieter Fan

- > 10 Year Parts / 5 Year Labor Warranty

\$15,828

Monthly Payment: \$209

Loan Terms: 9.95%, 120 mo. Installment.

Loan Promo Code:

Dealer #













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# ELECTRIC + PLUMBING HEATING + AIR

**Believe in Magic** 



We have built one of the most trusted names in home service in Southern Idaho.





# We Support Our Community









**We Respect Your Home** 





#### SATISFACTION GUARANTEE

If you are not completely happy with your system and cannot fix it, we will remove it and refund your money.

We stand behind our work 100%.



We Offer Rewards for Referrals!

# Offering Choices



#### What solutions do you offer?

- #WAC/mechanicals (heating and cooling)
- Indoor Air Quality (testing and mitigation)
- Duct Sealing
- Air Sealing and Insulation
- Do you have a network of partners who you can refer customers to for work you do not do?
  - www.nicorgas.com/findacontractor



#### **Energy Efficiency as a Viable Choice**

- Summarize the cost- and energy-saving benefits
- Demonstrate knowledge of grant and incentive options
  - Utility, manufacturer and government rebates
  - Tax credit options
- Show additional funding options like Nicor Gas On-bill Financing when rebate eligible equipment is installed
  - Nicor Gas has Energy Efficiency loans at 8.99%
  - No fees to customer or contractor
  - Paid through Nicor Gas bill

#### Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

- May be eligible for up to \$1,200 in federal tax credits per year for residential
- Eligible items may include some heating equipment and air sealing and insulation projects

#### **Qualifying Equipment and Projects**



- For more information and to apply:
  - nicorgas.com/ira

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#### **Summarize the Problems**

Everything that you heard.

Everything that you saw.

Everything that you measured.



#### **Customer Summary**

Customer Name(s)	Date of Survey	/

Noisy indoors when the system is running	Master bedroom.     Family room Other.     Other		
Outdoor system noise is objectionable	Master bedroom     Family room     Other      Master bedroom		
Trouble getting heat to these rooms:	Family room     Other		
These rooms are hot in the summer:	Master bedroom Upstairs Furnace Oversized Other Inadequate Return Air		
Indoor pollutants cause occasional allergies	Pollen     Daughter Suzie		
Concerns about airborne contaminants	Virus     Bacteria		
Have these occasional indoor odors	Pets     Cooking     Other		
Dryness in the winter causes problems:	Dry skin Allergies Feel cold Antiques Wood Painting Piano Guitar		
Get a cold "clammy" feeling in the summer	Downstairs Rec Room     Main floor     Upstairs     AC Oversized		
Would like to reduce high utility bills	Significantly Paying Too Much		
Had heating or cooling repairs	Furnace     Air conditioner     Other		
Excessive moisture causing unidentified bacterial growth problems	Furnace air blower     Indoor air conditioning coil     Ductwork     Crawl space     Windows		







#### **Explain What's Next**

It will take me about 20 minutes to put everything together. I'll start with the load calculation, which tells us what size of equipment and ductwork are needed. Then, I'll calculate the utility savings you might be able to get. That will give me enough information to show you some choices to consider.

Is all of that okay?





#### **Prepare the Presentation**

- Clear off your workspace.
- Put the Proposal in a folder.
- The folder is pre-loaded with information, assuming the sale is made.
- iPad is set with a photo review of problems and a Company Presentation.
- The Summary of "problems" is neatly printed and on top of the folder.



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## Closing the sale

Timid salespersons have skinny kids.

Zig Zigler



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#### Handling Objections

"I can't make a decision today"

"I can't commit without talking to my husband first"

"I don't want to spend more than I planned"

"I can't afford any of them"

"The other bids are lower, what's the difference?"

"Isn't there anything you can do about the price?"

"Everyone says I should get three bids"

"Can't you just fix it for now?"

"If I buy the equipment, will you install it?"

"I found it cheaper online, will you install it?"

**MAIN MENU** 



#### Follow Up...Until They Say Yes or No!

When you have <u>earned</u> the right to ask for the sale, you have also <u>earned</u> the right to follow up.

Create an agreement with the customer for follow-up.

	First Call-Follow Up-Referral Income				
	First Call Close Rate	Follow Up Close Rate	Referral Rate	Total Close Rate	
Close Rate				0%	
Percent of Annual Income	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!		Total Annual Income
Annual Income	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!		\$ 100,000



#### **Clients-for-Life**







- 1-2-3 Day Workshops
- One-on-One Coaching
- tom@sellingtrust.com
- www.sellingtrust.com



## Questions?



### Thank You!

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