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# Focus on the Relationship Not the Transaction







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When budget is not a decision-making driver, how do we win customers and keep them loyal?



Understanding the 6 basic human needs and applying them to your customer experience and engagement.



# Growth through Retention.

Certainty	Assurance you can avoid pain and gain pleasure, safety, security
Uncertainty / Variety	The need for the unknown, change, new stimuli, adventure
Significance	Feeling unique, of value, important, special or needed, independence
Connection / Love	A strong feeling of closeness or union with someone or something
Growth	An expansion of capacity, capability, or understanding
Contribution	A sense of service and focus on helping, giving to and supporting others

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## Risk-Averse Decision-Making

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What fears do our customers face by making the wrong decision?

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What type of peace of mind do our services deliver?

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Does your messaging, service offering, and delivery address these fears?

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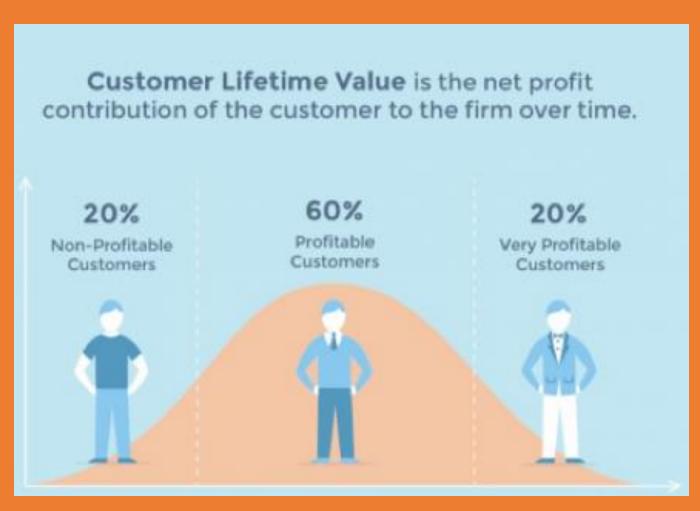
People will take more risks to avoid a loss than to realize a gain!

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Profitability through Retention....

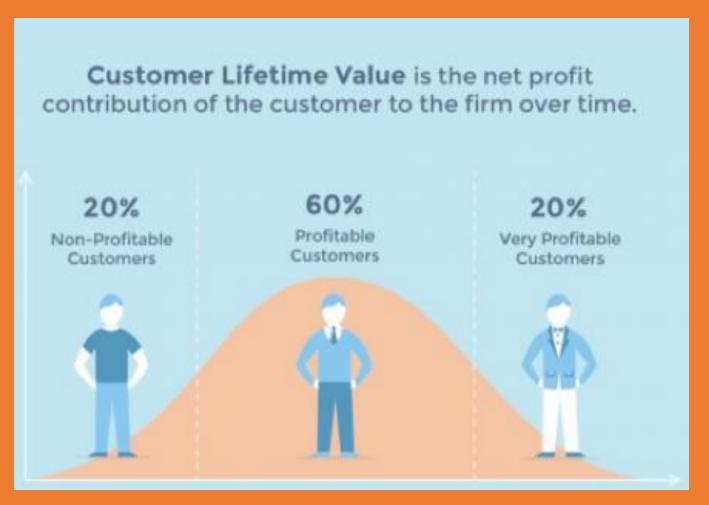
Numbers never lie.

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A 5% increase in customer retention can increase a company's profitability by 75 percent.

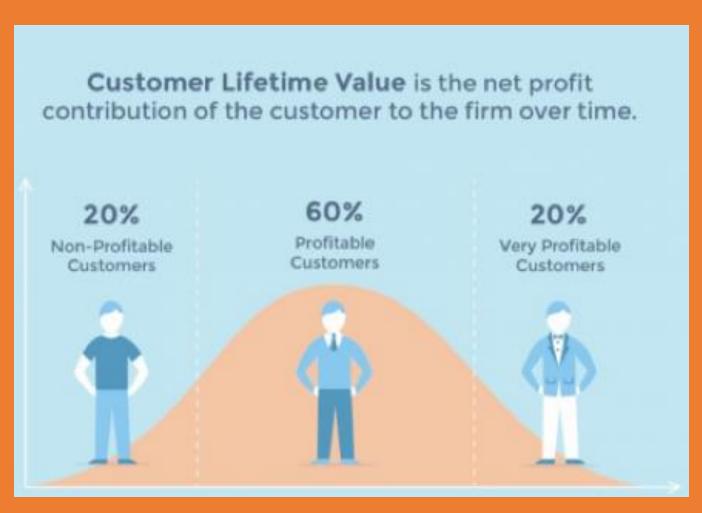
- Bain & Co



Why?

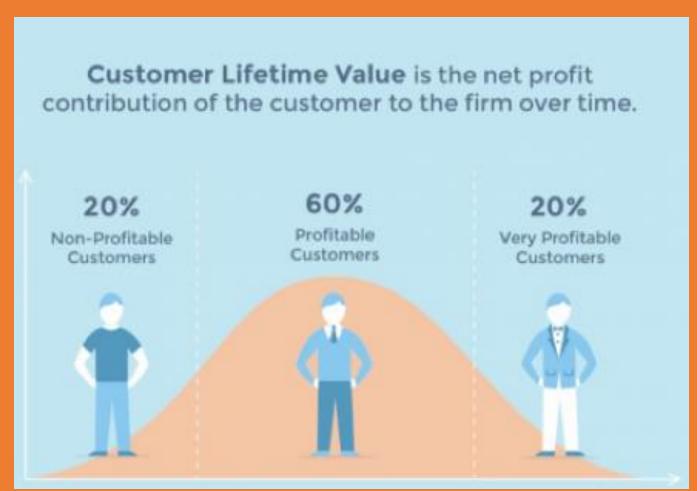
Because the average repeat customer spends 67% more in 31-36 months with a business than 0-6 months.

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"89% of customers begin business with a competitor following a poor customer experience." Oracle

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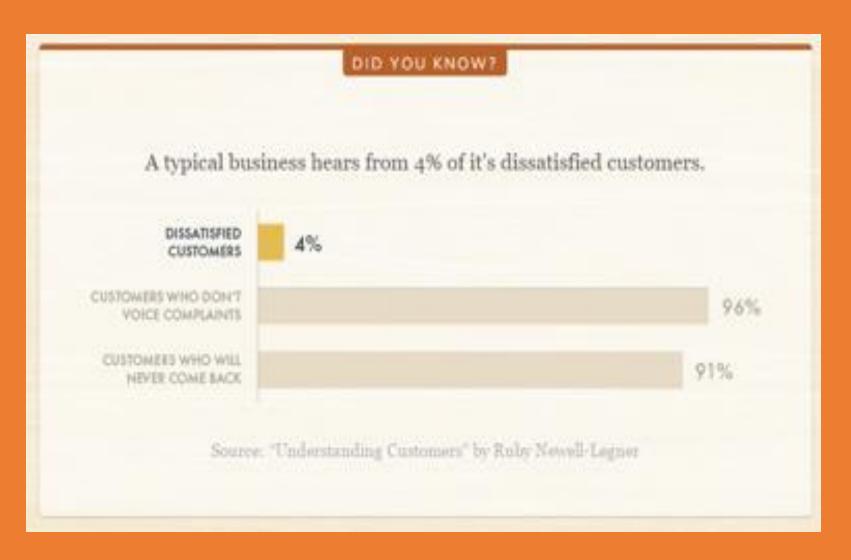
"It takes 12 positive experiences to make up for one negative experience."

Parature

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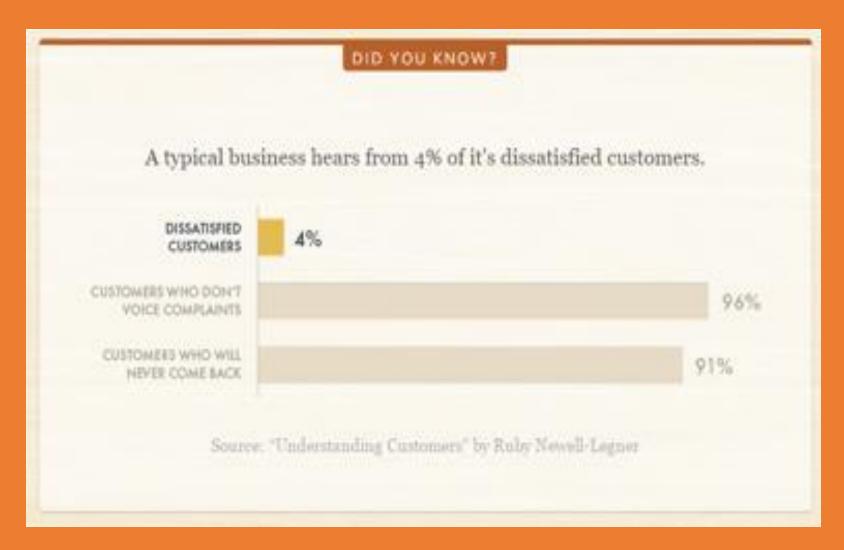
From Issues to
Opportunities
"Knowledge Speaks,
Wisdom Listens

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When service expectations are not met, proactively invite/encourage feedback.

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It's not what you say, but how you say it — less is more.

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Incorporate Empathy and Solve.

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Solution vs. Excuses.

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# U.S. consumers prefer to resolve their customer service issues using :

- Telephone (90%)
- Face to face (75%)
- Company website or email (67%)
- Online chat (47%)
- Text message (22%)
- Social networking site (22%)

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I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou

- Most human's decisions are made for emotional reasons vs. logic.
- We identify the most emotional areas of our customers lives, and document them.
- Luxury consumers MUST feel Significance and Connection.



# If it's not Personal, Don't waste the time or expense

- Sending a bottle of champagne
- Cheese and wine baskets during holiday
- Standardized birthday cards with your logo or product on it



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Post – Sale Engagement





The upfront investment in time and money is spent; at all costs do not lose it.





Continuous engagement and communication is key





Ensure your customers don't feel used or experience buyer's remorse.



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