LISTENING THROUGH OBJECTIONS

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Listening *through* objections is the Tai Chi approach to dealing with people's **questions** and **concerns**.





It is **void of arguments**, and therefore avoids leaving the prospect feeling **wrong** or **stupid**.



Your commitment is to hear, understand and actually feel what the prospect feels before the issue is addressed.





Step 1:

Honor, but don't believe the objection.



Actual spoken objections are *rarely true,* even for the prospect.

They are the first line of defense conjured up to express a fear or concern.





Step 2:

Embrace objections; Fall in love with them.





Remember, addressing objections successfully is exactly what you get paid for.

No objection ... no sales people.



If an objection creates **anger**, **frustration** or **fear** in you, you become **unattractive** to talk with.





Learn to love to hear them.

Become warmer, calmer and more confident as you hear them.

Be more attractive.



Step 3:

Define the objection.





What exactly does the prospect **mean** by their objection?





Not enough time ...

"How much time do you imagine it will take?"





Not enough capital ...

"How much money do you imagine it will take?"



It won't work ...

"What **experiences** do you have that **lead** you to that concern?"





It's a pyramid ...

"What do you mean by that?"





I can't sell ...

"What do you mean by selling?"



Step 4:

Embellish the objection.



Yes, embellish it.

Help them state their objection even more **clearly** and more **passionately**.



Seek to **understand** and let them know that...

You Got It!





Step 5:

Purge the objection.



Under every **spoken objection** is a **fear** or **concern**.



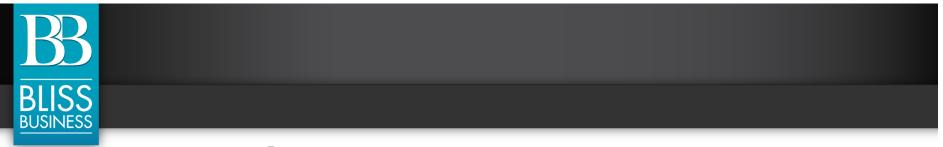
Listen and **feel** for it. Address it in your embellishments.

Keep embellishing until...





- ✓ They shift
 ✓ They laugh
 ✓ They physically move
 ✓ They lighten up
- \checkmark They get off it



Remember ...

- ✓ The objection is rarely true, even for them.
- Everybody can make time by prioritizing.
- ✓ Most people can get money for something they *really* want.
- Everybody sells things they believe in.



All any prospect wants is

to be heard!



Listen to their concerns.

Feel their fears ... understand them, respect them, honor them, and then ...



Address the objection powerfully.

Then ... they can check out whatever it is you are so **excited** about!



Step 6:

Ask **permission** to address it.



"If you could prove to yourself how you could **succeed** in our business, and avoid that concern, fear or circumstance, *would you take a brief look?"*



Step 7:

Address it.





And do so with **candor**

- With power, facts and examples
- ✓ With success stories and support materials
- ✓ With promises you intend to keep
- With help from your Upline



With **whatever** it takes to do it **convincingly** and with **integrity**.





7 Steps to Listening Through Objections

- Honor but do not buy the objection. Rarely are they true.
- Embrace ... don't defend. Fall in love with objections.
 Open vs. close them.
- 3. **Define** what *they* mean by the **objections**.
- 4. **Embellish** the objection. **Articulate** it even better than they do.
- 5. Purge the emotion. Let them *let go* of fear or frustration.
- 6. Ask for **permission** to address it. If you ... would you?
- 7. Address it ... with facts, passion, perspective, confidence, humility and stories.



Them *(objection)* "I don't have time."

You *(embrace it)* Gently smile and relax.





You (define it) "How much time?"

Them (answer) "Any time, I'm swamped!"





You (embellish it)

"What I am hearing is that you are already overwhelmed and don't need any more projects."

Them (purge)

"Yes, I believe you got it."



You (ask)

"If you could prove to yourself that this could fit into your schedule and help you earn enough for that much needed vacation, would you at least take a look?"



"Well, of course."

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