## Is Email Marketing Dead?

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## So...Is Email Marketing Dead?



No! Far From it.



#### Think About It...

- How many email accounts do you have?
- You need an email for:
  - Social media accounts
  - Online banking
  - Professional communication
  - Online shopping
  - Much, much more!



#### Think About It...

- You likely have email set up on your:
  - Phone
  - Computer
  - Tablet/iPad



# What are Three Reasons Your Biz Should Leverage Email Marketing?

## Reason #1: It's Very Cost-Effective

- Can be utilized many times for a single monthly cost
- You can leverage content you've already created for additional impact
- Seamlessly scales



#### What are the costs?

- Email Service free to \$75+/mo
- Professionally designed template One-time cost
  - [Optional, but recommended]



#### But Compare That To...

- Physical Mail Ad
  - Postcard design cost: ≈\$200+
  - Cost to print postcards ≈\$25+
  - Postage/delivery cost ≈0.35+ per card
- Newspaper/Magazine Placement
  - Ad design cost (per design) ≈\$200+
  - Placement cost ≈\$500+



#### What's Worse Than That?

That you're also potentially not even reaching your customers or potential customers



#### Reason #2: It Has Amazing ROI

- Email marketing has the highest ROI of any other marketing channel for small businesses
- And is known to have a higher conversion rate than:
  - Social media
  - Direct mail
  - Search



#### Let's See Some Stats

- For every \$1 spent, email marketing generates \$32 in ROI
- 81% of businesses say that email drives customer acquisition, and 80% for retention
- Email offers result in shoppers spending 138% on their purchases.







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## Reason #3: It Builds Brand Loyalty

- Consistent email strategy:
  - Keeps your brand top of mind

Can take a first-time customer to being a lifelong

customer



#### Ways to Build Brand Loyalty

- Share important updates + reminders
- Send discounts/special offers
  - 75% of consumers favor companies that offer rewards
- Circulate your content
  - Blog posts, new downloadables, etc.



#### Ways to Build Brand Loyalty

- Email-exclusive content
- Personalization
- Segmentionation



# Personalization

#### What is Email Personalization?

Using subscriber data within your email content to make it tailor-made for each recipient.

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> 3 chipmunks



## Personalization Strategies

- Segmentation
- Utilizing browsing history
- Automated emails
  - Sept. 17, 2020 Email Marketing 201 webinar at RISBDC.org
- Sending emails from a person, not an organization's name

#### Personalization Strategies

- Celebrate important anniversaries
- Personalize the content
- Use dynamic content



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Skirts for a Night Out



#### Benefits of Email Personalization

- Increases open rates
- Drives engagement
- Increases revenue



# Segmentation

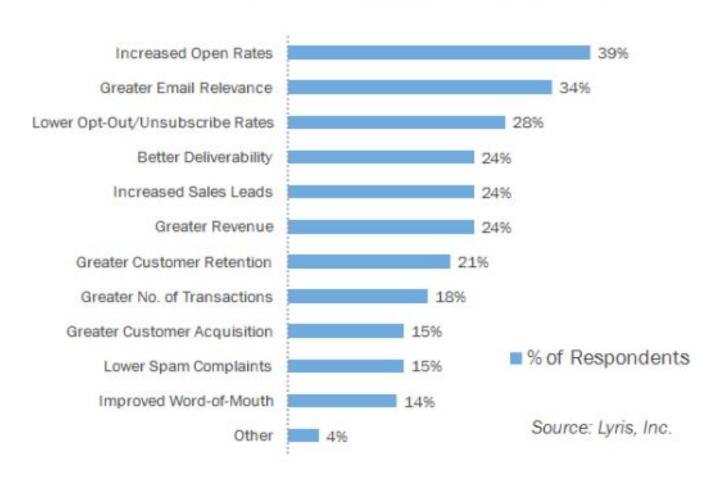
## What is Segmentation?

A division of email subscribers into smaller segments based on a set of criteria such as:

- Location
- Interests
- Purchase history
- Much more!



#### **Email List Segmentation Results**



# Let's Review

## Reasons You Should Leverage Email Marketing

- #1 It's very cost-effective
- #2 It has amazing ROI
- #3 It builds brand loyalty
- Additionally, email personalization & segmentation can create a better email experience for your customers and produce better results for your business

# Questions?

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