SELLER - Conversation Starters/Openers

VALUE is defined by the seller, not the salesperson.

70% of building TRUST & CREDITABILITY is asking the RIGHT Questions!

These questions are a reservoir of thought-provoking questions to use at that initial contact with a seller. Randomly select and use them as conversation openers/starters.

You can't answer anyone's prayers unless you know what they are praying for!

The objectives of these questions are:

- Differentiate Yourself at that initial contact.
- Be the Catalyst for opening and expanding a meaningful conversation.
- Break the Preoccupation of the person you are talking to and gain their attention.
- Manage the Conversation keep the focus.
- Express Interest gain a greater Understanding of the client's situation.
- Build <u>TRUST</u> and establish Creditability.

You want the seller to say to themselves; "That's an interesting question, I hadn't thought about that... this person is reading my mind... No one else has ever asked me this question... This agent is different from all the others." You want them to feel there is value in investing more time with you, they can relax, let their guard down and OPEN UP!

<u>Remember</u>: these are to be used randomly, not as a <u>list</u> starting from top to bottom. You need to dance with them using "<u>Common Sense</u>!"

- Is this a HAPPY move?
- What would be the very **first** thing I could do to make the selling of your home **less stressful**?
- If you had a "Magic Wand" what would you <u>change</u> or like happen with your current situation?
- What **QUESTIONS** would you like answered & what would be most helpful?
- In addition to obtaining the highest sales price, what would make your sale a TOTAL SUCCESS?
- What is your <u>biggest</u> concern or possible fear with this upcoming move?
- What does a "Successful Sale" mean to you How would you define/describe it?
- What is **most important** to you; Where you want to **GO** or Where you **ARE**?
- What is the <u>first</u> thing you would like to become more <u>knowledgeable</u> about with regard to the "Selling Process?"
- What would be the most valuable thing I can do for you with respect to the sale of your home?
- What experiences have you had dealing with a REALTOR? (positive & negative)
- Has anyone explained what the "Golden Time" is and why it is so important to a seller?
- Do you know the current "Market Trend" and how this information can impact your sale?
- What do you think is the difference between a Full-Service Broker versus a Discount Broker?
- What criteria are you using to select the agent who will represent you & your "Best Interests?"
- What is the **difference** between a property being "ON" the market versus being "IN" the market?
- What is your "Risk Tolerance?"

Use these to expand the conversation:

Tell me more... Expand on that... Why is that so important?

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