# **Turn Leads into Qualified Leads - How to Rock Sales Development in 2015**

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## Consistent and cost effective follow up

It's just not feasible for a field sales person to follow up in the same way as a sales lead management team. And, it's not economical to have them dialing the phone and sorting through a hodgepodge of leads to find the ones that qualify. So, marketing leaders, don't berate your sales force for not following up on leads. They feel like it's a waste of their time ... because it is.

That doesn't mean, however, that it's not a valuable activity for the right team with the right tools.

## Quick response

I've stated some amazing stats before about response times. If you follow up in 5 minutes, for example, you're 21 times more likely to qualify a lead than if you wait just 30 minutes. Is your sales force capable of such rapid response? Probably not.

### The human touch

The human touch is, of course, one of my favorite marketing tools. In fact, we wrote a white paper on the subject.

Now we're hearing about the big trends in marketing for 2015 and one of them is personalization. One to one marketing is growing. And what could be more personal than a one-on-one phone call where a sales associate works with the prospect to help them solve their problems? In doing so, the prospect develops a personalized relationship with the company.

#### Accurate data

The sales lead management teams are at their desks with easy access to your customer relationship management (CRM) system. With everything they need at their fingertips, it's much more likely they'll update data based on new information. It enables companies to track the flow of leads and conversion rates more precisely, gaining the insights necessary to improve sales processes and optimize conversions.

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