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The only individuals who will succeed with affiliate programs, are those who have a real desire to make it online. Okay, I know that this sounds fairly simple. Of course you want to make it online. That is the whole reason why you are reading this article. However, there are those individuals who want to make it online without doing anything to make it happen, and those who are ready and willing to take action and be successful. In order to have success with affiliate programs, or any online venture, you have to fall into the second category.

When it comes to online marketing, everyone makes mistakes at some point in time. However, if you make mistakes when it comes to promoting affiliate programs, it is going to cost you time and money. Often times the mistakes made by affiliates are so egregious that they make very few, or even no sales at all. If this sounds like a situation which you are currently living through, realize that you are not alone. The good news is that this article is going to cover some of the most common mistakes which are made by affiliates, but can easily be avoided. We will discuss them below.

1. Trying To Sell Products To Your Visitors

It is common for an affiliate to feel as though they need to grab their visitors' attention, and convince them to purchase the products which they are promoting on the spot. However, if this is something that you are currently doing, you need to stop doing it. While the majority of affiliates believe in the misnomer that it is their job to sell the products which they are promoting with their website, this could not be further from the truth. Put yourself in the shoes of a typical internet user. What is the product that most internet users search for? It is information. Therefore, the last thing that a visitor to your website wants to be confronted with is a sales pitch. If this is what they see on your website, they will most likely leave.

The purpose of your website should be to warm the visitor up for the sale by providing them with the information that they are looking for. Your visitor most likely has a problem which needs to be solved. Provide them with enough information to induce them to visit the sales page of the affiliate product which you are promoting. You see, this affiliate product will provide the solution to their problem. Once your visitor is at the sales page, they will no longer be resisting the idea of making a purchase. This is because you pre-sold them with your website.

2. A Failure To Realize Who Is In Your Niche Market

Do you think that a twenty year old man would be interested in 50's music. Yes, perhaps some would, but this is not your niche market. What I am getting at is the fact you have to identify which market segment is going to be most interested in what you are offering. Once you are able to do so, you have identified your niche market, and can focus your marketing efforts in that direction. Alternatively, you are going to have a difficult time selling lawn fertilizer to college students living in the dorms. However, you might experience more success selling study guides to such a niche.

3. Trying To Market A Large Number of Affiliate Programs

Affiliate marketing relies heavily on target markets, and requires a high degree of focus. As such, when an affiliate tries to promote a myriad of affiliate programs, spanning across several niche markets, they have a tendency to lose focus. The truth is that each product requires a high degree of energy, and a substantial amount of time. Hence, if you assume that you are going to make the most amount of money by promoting the largest number of products, you are making an erroneous assumption.

The great thing about affiliate programs is that they are legitimate, and you can make a lot of money with them. In fact, there are several people who make hundreds of thousands of dollars annually with affiliate programs. Unfortunately, there are many affiliates who do not make very much money at all. This is in large part because they are making some of the mistakes which we discussed in this article.

Any individual with a goal of promoting [Affiliate Programs](#), has to be certain to give themselves the best chance to be successful with their [Affiliate Network](#). This starts with self-education.

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