

List Building Firepower

100 Powerful Marketing Tactics to
Increase Your Opt-in Rate and
Engage Subscribers!

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Introduction

Here's something to think about...

A product can be created in as little as a few days... however building and cultivating a list that eagerly wants to hear from you can take years.

So it stands to reason that more of your time and energy should be focused towards building a responsive list... Right?

But then why do so many people struggle? How does one marketer add 100s of subscribers to their account every week whilst another marketer is getting single figure signups?

The answer is in the method. In this special report we'll cover 100 methods to help you build your list, prepare your subscribers for what's up ahead and get them eager to hear from you.

1. The "Specific Date" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will get a free bonus for subscribing before a specific date. Tell them the bonus won't be available after that date. You could also say they need to subscribe before midnight or the end of the day.

2. The "So Many Minutes" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will get a free bonus for subscribing in so many minutes. You could have a timer running down the time on your opt-in form. If they really like your bonus, they will subscribe before the time runs out.

3. The "Here's Your Lesson" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will get a free e-course for subscribing. You could just publish each lesson on a daily autoresponder series. People like to take courses one lesson at a time. You could even include an ad with each lesson.

4. The "E-Report" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will get a free e-report for subscribing. You could write up a 5 to 12 page e-report that your subscribers would really be interested in. You could have it ready to download in PDF format on your "thank you for subscribing" page.

5. The "Tease Me" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will get a free sample chapter of an e-book you are selling if they subscribe. People like to get a sneak preview of products before they buy them. Even if they don't buy your e-book, you'll be able to sell them something else in the future.

6. The "Great Deal" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will get a coupon or discount to one of your products for subscribing. People love getting a good deal and all they would have to do is opt-in to your list or e-zine.

7. The "JV Discount" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will get a coupon or discount for someone else's product if they subscribe. You could set up a joint venture deal with another information product seller. They would get sales and you will build your list quicker.

8. The "Worth It?" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers how much the free bonus for subscribing is worth. People will feel like they are getting a great bargain for opting-in. You could list the retail price or what other people are selling it for.

9. The "Virus" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will get a free e-book for subscribing. You could also include your e-zine ad in the e-book and allow them to give the e-book away or offer resell or master resell rights. It will become a viral marketing tool for your list.

10. The "Swipe Them" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that they will get the private label rights to the articles or content of your list if they subscribe. People will be able to read and use your list content as they wish. There is a huge demand for private label content these days.

11. The "Republish It" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that they can reprint or republish the articles or content of your list if they subscribe. People will be able to read and use your list content with your resource box included. You could include your e-zine ad under each article they republish.

12. The "Future Goals" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers the goals they will accomplish by subscribing to your e-zine. You could tell them how your information or content will help solve their problems, improve their life or get over their obstacles.

13. The "Future Problems" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers the goals they won't accomplish if they don't subscribe to your e-zine. You could tell them how not reading your information or content could cause future problems or make their life worse.

14. The "Prize Fest" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers what prizes they could win by subscribing to your e-zine. You could tell them that you will randomly select a subscriber every week to get one of your products for free. Also, you could have them complete a certain action to be in the contest.

15. The "Las Vegas" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers how much money they could win by subscribing to your e-zine. You could tell them that you will randomly select a subscriber every week to get a cash prize. You could have many cash prizes, like \$100 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd place and \$25 for 3rd place.

16. The "Fast Forward" Technique

Tell your current e-zine subscribers to forward your e-zine to their friends, family or associates. If they like it, they'll end subscribing too and forwarding it to their circle of acquaintances. It's a viral form of word-of-mouth marketing.

17. The "See It Everywhere" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers to subscribe on any page of your web site. You want to put your opt-in form or pop up on every page of your web site. The more times people see it, the higher the percentage of people will be who will subscribe.

18. The "Multiple Choice" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they can choose between text, PDF or html format. People that like text may not want to subscribe to an e-zine that

just offers html. You can lose an awful lot of subscribers by not offering two or more options.

19. The "My Credentials" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers your business credentials. People don't want to opt-in to a list that doesn't have the experience or authority to really give them the information they need and want. They just don't want an ad with every email.

20. The "Confidentiality Agreement" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you will keep their subscription information confidential. People don't want you to share, rent, lease or sell their contact information. They want you to protect their privacy at all costs.

21. The "100% Pure" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers your content is 100% original. People subscribe to a lot of lists that just publish articles that are found all over the Internet. If you can't always offer 100% original content, at least publish some once in a while to keep your subscribers loyal.

22. The "Look Who's Here" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers about the famous, expert or reputable people who have subscribed to your e-zine. Most people are followers rather than leaders. They want to model themselves after people they respect, admire and look up to. People will think your list must be good if so-and-so subscribed to it.

23. The "Believe Them" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers about the testimonials or endorsements that you've receive from other subscribers. They will see all the benefits those people received from being on your list. People will believe other subscribers' advice before they believe you.

24. The "Collect Them All" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you offer a free bonus product in every issue. People will subscribe just to start collecting those bonuses. Plus, it will keep people subscribed because they will want to see what the next bonus will be.

25. The "Next Time" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers what type of content will be in your next issue. They will think that if they subscribe right away, they will be able to read the content in their next issue. It gives them an incentive to subscribe on impulse.

26. The "Ad Less" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers your list has very little advertisements. People sometimes don't subscribe to free lists or e-zines because they think all they get is a bunch of ads. You could even offer an ad-free or an all content/article (with a resource box) version of your list.

27. The "Give Me Them" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that you accept article submissions. You'll get people who will subscribe just so they can submit articles and see them published. You will also get a steady stream of content you can pick and choose from.

28. The "Swap Me" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers and other e-zine publishers that you accept e-zine ad trades. People will subscribe just to submit ad trades with you and see if you run their ad. Doing list ad trades can increase your circulation fast.

29. The "Got Friends?" Technique

Tell your current e-zine subscribers they can get a free bonus for persuading 3 of their friends, family members or associates to subscribe or by forwarding your e-zine to them. You could set up a "tell a friend form" on one of your web pages.

30. The "It's Worth" Technique

Tell your potential e-zine subscribers how much a subscription to your e-zine is worth. You could actually tell them you used to sell subscriptions to it (if it's true). If not, you could say that similar e-zines are charging so many dollars per year for a subscription.

31. The "Targeted Flirt" Technique

Tell or give your potential subscribers a compliment. People like to be complimented and will usually return the favour. It might just tempt them to opt-in to your list. The compliment needs to be something that would be related to your target audience.

32. The "Give It Away" Technique

Tell your potential or current subscribers they can give away your e-zine as a bonus product. Many people need bonuses for their products or services. It will give their prospects an incentive to buy their stuff and build your list at the same time.

33. The "Try A Piece" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they can read samples of your past issues or list before they opt-in. If people like your content, they will definitely subscribe. It would be a good idea to use some of your best content.

34. The "See The Past" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that they will get access to all your past issues or messages if they opt-in to your list. You can tell them the benefits of those issues too. You can have them all archived on your web site by date or subject in a password protected area.

35. The "Waiting List" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that you are only allowing a limited number of subscribers. It will create more persuasion for them to opt-in right away. You could tell them once you hit so many subscribers, they will have to get on a waiting list.

36. The "Unsubscribe" Technique

Tell you potential subscribers there is no risk as they can unsubscribe at any time, no questions asked. It will remind them even if they subscribe that they can unsubscribe any time if they don't like your list.

37. The "E-mail Me" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that you would like to hear from them about how you can improve your e-mailings. You could tell them you regularly survey your existing subscribers for their opinions and what they would like to see from your list.

38. The "Keep It Free" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you may be charging for your e-zine in the future but if they subscribe now, their subscription will always be free. People will want to subscribe quickly so they can lock in their free subscription.

39. The "I'll Pay You" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you will pay them to subscribe. You could have a "subscribers only" affiliate program for one of your products. They will feel privileged and know they will have less competition to make commissions.

40. The "Easy Form" Technique

Tell you potential subscribers how easy it is to subscribe. Remind them they only need to type their first name and e-mail address or say all they have to do is send an e-mail to a certain subscription e-mail address.

41. The "Budget It" Technique

Tell potential subscribers about your e-zine in free advertising locations. It could be free classified web sites, forums, blogs, chat room profiles, e-mail discussion lists, list building sites, give away sites, etc. Most of the locations you can just add a signature ad to your post.

42. The "Subscribers-Only" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will get access to a free subscriber-only community. It could be a forum, message board, chat room, blog, etc. Your subscribers will feel special and privileged to only have access to it. They will like to communicate with other people that are interested in the same topics.

43. The "Barter Everything" Technique

Tell other e-zine/list publishers or web site owners you'll trade ads with them. It could be classified ads, text links, top sponsor ads, solo ads, banner ads, autoresponder ads, thank you ads, pop up ads, etc.

44. The "I'll Be There" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you offer 24/7 e-mail support. People want to know you'll always be there for them. Many problems can arise, like people not getting your e-mails, not being able to unsubscribe, questions about your offers, etc.

45. The "My Advice" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you'll offer free consulting via e-mail if they opt-in. This is similar to customer support but their questions will be more about the topic of your list. You may want to train and hire someone to answer all the questions or set up an e-mail ticket system.

46. The "Snooze You Lose" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you will be offering a specific free bonus to the next 1000 subscribers. If they want the bonus, they will subscribe. You are also persuading them to subscribe right away with your limited time bonus.

47. The "Famous Guest" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers the names of the guest authors that contribute articles or content to your list. You could even list some of their professional accomplishments and credentials. People may subscribe just to learn more about them and their knowledge.

48. The "Skim It" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers your e-zine or list is easy to skim through and read. You could tell them you have a table of contents, clickable links, that you've divided each section up, it's not full of techno jargon, etc.

49. The "Full Of Help" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that each issue is full of helpful web site links and resources. People want to learn about new web sites, resources, products, information, tools and advice that will help them accomplish their goals.

50. The "Total Them Up" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers how many subscribers you already have. People will see how many subscribers you already have and if you have a lot, they will know your list is good. They will feel they are missing out if they don't opt-in.

51. The "A Long Time" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers how many years you have been publishing your e-zine. If you've been publishing it for a long time, people will assume your opt-in list has high quality information and will be valuable to them.

52. The "Personal Touch" Technique

Show your potential subscribers a picture of yourself on your subscription page and tell them a little about yourself. Pictures will give your list a personal touch that could persuade them to opt-in. You could tell them about all your personal and business accomplishments.

53. The "Gift Subscription" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they can sign up someone else with a gift subscription when they subscribe. People will like it that you care about other people in their lives. Many people like to give things to people they know and love.

54. The "Work Involved" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers how long it takes you to write or compile each issue. People will see just how much work is involved in publishing your list or e-zine. It will give your list a highly perceived value.

55. The "Goes Both Ways" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers how many pages are in each issue. This can persuade people that a lot of information is more valuable or a small amount of information will save them time. It can go both ways.

56. The "What You Missed" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers the latest issue can be accessed within minutes of subscribing. People like to be rewarded instantly for filling out an opt-in form. They will want to see what they missed when they weren't subscribed.

57. The "Only Mine" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will learn information that's not found anywhere else inside your e-zine. People will realize that they will miss out on valuable information if they don't opt-in to your list.

58. The "Stay Current" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that your e-zine has the newest, most up-to-date information. People want information that isn't outdated. They want to stay current on the latest news, trends, strategies, tips, products, etc.

59. The "Why Subscribe?" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers the benefits of subscribing to your list. Depending on your topic, it could be making money, losing weight, increasing sales, reliving pain, stopping addiction, improving relationships, increasing mind power, etc.

60. The "How Often?" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they can choose how often they want to receive your e-zine or list. You could have an everyday version, once a week version, twice a week version and a once a month version. You could combine all or most of the little versions into a bigger version.

61. The "Cold Hard Facts" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers each issue contains cold hard facts and is 100% accurate. People don't want information that is wrong or based solely on opinion. They don't want to take advice that could turn out making their lives harder.

62. The "Battle Tested" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that the information in your e-zine content is proven and tested. People like information that has already been used. If it's a fact that your information works, then it should work for them too and they will opt-in.

63. The "Autograph" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will get one autographed e-zine issue by mail when they subscribe. If you're a famous marketer, it may tempt them to subscribe. You could even offer them a print subscription for a fee.

64. The "Ratio Of Visitors" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers the ratio of people that opt-in to your list. For example, 1 out of 3 visitors subscribe. People want to opt-in to popular lists, especially if the ratio is really high.

65. The "Plenty Of Ways" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers there are plenty of ways to subscribe to your list, like by e-mail, web form or one click. People like to have choice in certain matters. When you give them a choice, they are more likely to choose than walk away without subscribing.

66. The "How To" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish how-to articles. People like to learn how to do things that will improve their lives, reach their goals, solve their problems, avoid failing or avoid pain, etc.

67. The "Top Ten" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish top ten articles. People like to know the top ways to improve their lives. Here are some examples, "The Top 10 Ways To Lose Weight", The Top Ten Ways To Increase Your Traffic", etc.

68. The "Tip Me" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish tip articles. People like to read short, to the point tips that will help them reach their goals. It saves them time reading through a bunch of fluffed up information.

69. The "Recent News" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish news stories. People want to stay up-to-date on the most recent news stories that will affect their lives. You could even publish new press releases that are related to the topic of your list.

70. The "Interview" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish interview articles. People like to hear advice from other people that know about the topic of your list. You could even list some of the upcoming people you will be interviewing.

71. The "Product Review" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish product reviews. Many people like to read product reviews before they buy a new product. You could review a product and have your own affiliate link at the end of the review.

72. The "Web Site Review" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish web site reviews. Many people like to read web site reviews before they visit a web site. They don't want to waste their time surfing around for what they are looking for.

73. The "Personal Profile" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish personal profiles. Many people like to read personal information about people that deal with the topic of your list. It could be stuff like their favourite music, movies, food, sports team, etc.

74. The "Word Game" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish text games. It could be crossword puzzles, word finds, word scramblers, etc. You could publish them in your e-mail or have them click on a link to your web site to print them out. Another idea would be to make them interactive so they can play them on your web site.

75. The "Samples Of Products" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish excerpts from other info products. Most people like to see samples of other people's information products before they buy. It could be chapters, articles, software demos, etc.

76. The "Checklist" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish helpful checklists. Sometimes people rather have a checklist of information so they can complete one step at a time. It helps them keep track of them accomplishing their final goal.

77. The "Calendar Of Events" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish a calendar of events. Many people like to know about events that are related to the topic of your list.

It could seminars, teleseminars, webinars, trade shows, concerts, classes, etc.

78. The "Q And A" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish a question and answer section. Your current subscribers send you their questions and you could answer them in each issue. Your subscribers can actually be in control of what topics they want to know more about.

79. The "First Shot" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that they will be the first to learn about the new products and services you release. People like to get the first shot at new products and affiliate opportunities.

80. The "Community Gossip" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish content from your online community. You could allow new subscriber's access to your list's online community and tell them they could get published on your list and get some free publicity.

81. The "Transcripts" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers you publish transcripts of live events, classes and seminars. People that can't make or afford to go to live events related to your list topic would really want to read them.

82. The "Questionnaire" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers questions that'll persuade them to subscribe. Most people are raised or programmed to answer questions. They will automatically respond to your questions without realizing it. For example, "Do you want to earn more money?"

83. The "Free Advertising" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will get a free ad in your e-zine if they subscribe. Now this could give you way too many ads to publish. A way around this is to link to a web site that has all the free ads listed.

84. The "People Care" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers what their friends or family might say or think as a result of them opting-in. People care about what their friends and family think. For example, you could say: "Imagine how your kids will feel when you can afford the new pool?"

85. The "Common Sense" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers it is common sense to subscribe. For example, you could say something like: "Everyone knows you have to keep up-to-date with new technology in order to keep making money on the Internet."

86. The "Private Access" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers they will get a free membership into your private web site when they subscribe. You could set up a password protected private web site for your subscribers only. You could keep it updated regularly with new information and free products.

87. The "Product For Ad" Technique

Tell other e-zine publishers you'll trade them your products for running your e-zine ad. If you don't want to pay for advertising, just barter. If you have a downloadable product, you could keep trading it over and over again without it costing you a lot.

88. The "Viral Article" Technique

Tell other e-zine publishers they can publish your articles with your resource box. You could contact other related e-zine or list publishers and see if they accept article submissions. Plus there are many article submission directories and submission software available today.

89. The "Opt-In Auction" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers about your e-zine on auction web sites. You could auction off a related item or product and advertise your e-zine on the same page. As you may know, some of the biggest auction sites get millions of hits an ad.

90. The "Listen To Me" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that you offer an audio version of your e-zine or list. Many people don't like reading all the time. They will be able to listen to it if they want. It will save them time and eye strain.

91. The "Watch Me" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that you offer a video version of your e-zine or list. Many would rather watch someone tell them the information, like on news shows. They will be able to watch and listen to your information if they want.

92. The "Keyword Clicking" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers about your e-zine or list with pay per click ads. You only pay if they click on your link. You want your advertisement to be displayed under targeted keywords and phrases or on target web sites.

93. The "Free Directory" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers about your e-zine or list by submitting it to free e-zine directories. You want your e-zine description to be as persuasive as possible. You could use many of the tips in this publication to help you with that.

94. The "Customer Reminder" Technique

Tell your customers about your list or e-zine. You could include your e-zine ad on or with every product you sell. If it's a physical product, you could insert a flyer in the package. If it's a digital product, you could have the opt-in form linked to your web site or build it into the product.

95. The "Discount An E-mail" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that you offer coupons or gift certificates to other products and services in every issue. They will want to subscribe and read every issue just to see how much money they can save.

96. The "Offline Myth" Technique

Tell people about your e-zine or list through offline advertising. It could be radio, TV, newspapers, magazines, newsletters, CD ROM, videos, audio books, etc. Just because they read offline ads doesn't mean they don't have a computer or access to the Internet.

97. The "Free Compliment" Technique

Tell your potential subscribers that anyone who gives you a testimonial for your list or e-zine will get it published with their ad. People will subscribe and give you compliments just to get a free ad. Testimonials can dramatically increase your authority and sales.

98. The "Back You Up" Technique

Tell a similar list or e-zine owner that you'll host their back issues if they host yours. It will increase your subscribers, traffic and sales. It might be a little extra work and take up a lot of web space but can be well worth it.

99. The "I'll Share" Technique

Tell a similar list or e-zine owner that you'll share an opt-in form with them. People can opt-in for both your lists at your web site and their web site. You can also join many list building co-ops and co-registration services.

100. The "Publish And Grow" Technique

Tell a similar list or e-zine owner you will help manage and publish their list in exchange for getting your ad listed in each of their issues. You will be building your list and their list at the same time. It could double your subscription rate.

Conclusion

There's no doubt that a responsive mailing list can make or break your business. My best advice to you is to decide what type of list you want to build, build free content around the subject, and attract the right subscribers to your opt in page using all these tactics here.

You don't have to use every single method here. Write down the ones that you can see yourself doing, that interest you, then apply it. Take notes of your progress and build upon what works.

When you act with integrity and can add true value to the marketplace, your readers will be hooked to your messages and will never want to unsubscribe. Don't let this sit on your computer and do nothing. The most important thing is to take action. Action leads to results!