

# Stop Collecting Business Cards And Start Making Meaningful Connections



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In today's fast-paced business world, networking has become an essential skill to succeed. However, many professionals fall into the trap of simply collecting

business cards without building meaningful connections. It's time to shift our focus from accumulating contacts to fostering genuine relationships that can unlock new opportunities. This article will guide you through the process of breaking free from the business card frenzy and making connections that truly matter.

## 1. Quality over Quantity:

The first step in building meaningful connections is to prioritize quality over quantity. Instead of rushing to gather as many business cards as possible, focus on engaging in conversations that foster a deeper connection. Take the time to listen actively, understand the other person's needs, and offer genuine help or insights. By focusing on a few significant connections, you'll be more likely to create lasting professional relationships.



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## 2. Remembering and Following Up:

A key aspect of making meaningful connections is remembering and following up with the people you meet. After a networking event or meeting, take a few minutes to jot down important details about the conversation or person on the back of their business card. This will help you recall the interaction and personalize your follow-up message. Whether it's a personalized email or a phone call, reaching out shortly after your initial meeting shows your genuine interest in staying connected.

### **3. Social Media Engagement:**

Social media platforms have revolutionized networking by providing easy access to a variety of professionals from various industries. Utilize platforms like LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram to connect with people you meet in person. Engage with their content by commenting, liking, and sharing. By demonstrating your genuine interest in their work, you'll deepen the connection beyond the initial meeting. Additionally, you can stay updated on their professional activities, making it easier to find common ground for future conversations.

### **4. Building a Personal Brand:**

Building a personal brand can significantly impact your ability to make meaningful connections. Effective personal branding showcases your unique strengths and expertise, making it easier for others to recognize and remember you. Take time to define your professional identity, create a strong online presence, and consistently share valuable insights or expertise in your field. This will not only attract like-minded professionals but also increase your credibility and visibility within your industry.

### **5. Attending Industry Events and Workshops:**

While networking events are a great way to meet new people, industry-specific events and workshops provide a more targeted environment for making

meaningful connections. By attending these events, you'll have the opportunity to connect with professionals who share similar interests or career goals. Take advantage of the focused setting to engage in deeper conversations, exchange ideas, and build connections that can lead to collaborations or mentorship opportunities.

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Networking is no longer just about collecting business cards. To truly make meaningful connections, it's crucial to shift our focus to quality conversations, personalized follow-ups, social media engagement, personal branding, and attending industry-specific events. By embracing these strategies, you'll be well on your way to building a network of genuine relationships that can open doors and propel your professional growth. So, instead of collecting business cards, start making connections that truly matter!



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Needless to say, traditional networking isn't working anymore. For successful 21st century business people, large networking events and the mountains of business cards they produce have become a waste of time and valuable resources. It's time for a new, modern approach to networking.

Born out of author Derek Coburn's frustration with having spent thousands of fruitless hours attending traditional networking events, this book offers fresh, effective, unconventional strategies for growing and nurturing a powerful network. These strategies grew Coburn's revenue by 300% in just 18 months and can have a major impact on your business.

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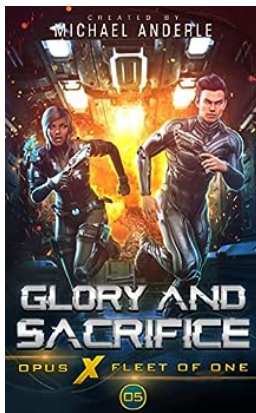
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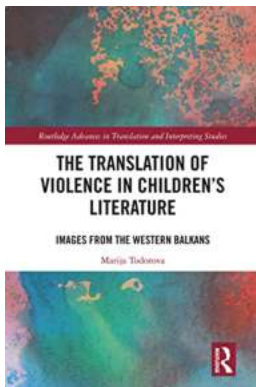
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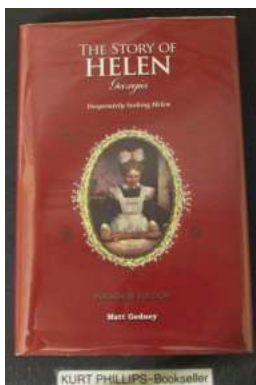
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