

# HOW TO BE A POWER CONNECTOR

## The 5+50+100 Rule for Turning Your Business Network into Profits

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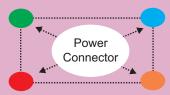
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#### **MAIN IDEA**

Power connecting is the art and discipline of providing value-adding connections to people in your personal network who would not have met any other way.



To become a power connector, you first have to build a powerful network using the 5+50+100 Rule:



#### Top 5

Maintain close relationships with the 5 people closest to you and connect with these people daily.

#### Key 50

Identify the 50 important relationships in your life and business and cultivate these connections every week. Always look for ways to add value to the people in your Key 50.

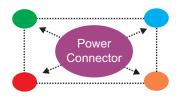
#### Vital 100

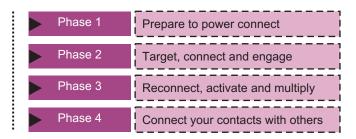
These are the 100 people you want to touch bases with every month to stay top of mind. Keep these relationships fresh by looking for every opportunity to connect these people with others who they need to know.

"When you organize your strategic relationships by the 5+50+100 model, it gives you a sense of control and organization that will make your life easier. Evaluate your current relationships and choose who will go in which circle. I hope that you know who your Top 5 are immediately. For the Key 50 and Vital 100, however, you may need to do some thinking. You want to ensure that you are selecting the best people for your power circles."

- Judy Robinett

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To prepare to power connect, you have to go through four basic steps:

- 1. Gain the power connector mindset
- 2. Get clear what you have to offer and what you need
- 3. Evaluate your current network by The 5+50+100 Rule
- 4. Create a plan to maximize your relationships

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Next you identify the kinds of people you want to add to your network. To do this productively, the three steps which are involved are:

- 1. Target people who will add value to your network
- 2. Meet those people and form some immediate connection
- 3. Engage them Deepen your connections

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Once you've met and made the initial contact with someone good, the real relationship building begins. This involves a three-step process:

- 1. Create a reason to immediately reconnect
- 2. Assess the connection and activate your system
- 3. Multiply value to deepen the relationship

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To signal that you're no ordinary networker, get busy linking the people in your network for maximum benefit for all concerned. You become a power connector by:

- 1. Mapping the links between your connections
- 2. Linking the people within your power circles
- 3. Activating power triangles
- 4. Doing whatever it takes to make the connection work

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