Defining The Purpose Of Your Website

In A Post COVID-19 World
What To Say
When To Say It
Where To Say It
Goals:

1. Defining your message to your community.
2. Clarity on what your website is intended to accomplish.
3. Clarity on determining success & measuring progress.
The Tale of Two Websites
Case Study #1

- 15 years in community
- Highly qualified with high standard of training
- Strong track record of patient/client success
- The best training in the area.
- Website remained untouched for last 5 years. Ranked #1 Messaging on websites focused on his accomplishments.
Case Study #2

- Opened new gym in the same area
- Personally teaching all the sessions
- Low quality instruction, but very passionate.
- High tech “know-how” and really good with hashtags. New fancy website.
What happened?

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Referrals
Walk ins
Word of mouth
Your website is the lense through which your community perceives your value.
Consumers are introduced to your brand through your online presence.

Their initial reaction is formed based on the way you present yourself online.
Bottom Line: Your website’s sole purpose is to increase the value perception judgement call of consumers researching online.
Is this fair?

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NO!
Google Says: “We want to present the best results for our searchers”
So...why didn’t they present that “best” instructor in town?
Google determines business quality by your ability to follow their rules + consumer behavior on your website.
If you are the best service provider in town, you owe it to your community to invest into your website + online presence.
Why?
You need to protect your community from poor experiences.
“We Tried Personal Training Once”
I’m too scared of the dentist"
“Massages aren’t worth it”
You don’t want to your competitor to be perceived as better than you.
You need to give a real and accurate picture to Google of “who’s the best in town” as a service to your community.
Just like you want your physical equipment to reflect the quality of your brand...
Think of your website as “digital equipment”
Many top businesses neglect their websites because they think it’s going to be too expensive or too much time.
What’s worse is... it’s intangible and difficult to measure whether it’s worth investing into.
But there are some simple things you can do, in the next 48 hours to influence the perception your community has of your brand.
1. Messaging
2. Layout
3. Call To Actions
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People are inherently inward focused.

Your website messaging needs to be OUTWARDLY focused.
“We offer the highest level of equipment sanitation” VS

“You’ll only touch equipment that’s been hospital grade sanitized”
“We’re limited class sizes to mitigate exposure risk”

VS

“No crowded classrooms here - you’ll be a part of a small group with plenty of room to spread out”
Allow your readers to insert themselves in a new reality.

Envisioning themselves being in your space. Using your equipment. Interacting with you.
“Highly qualified instructors with ABC degree,”

VS

“You’re in good hands with our highly educated staff”
1. Go to your website.
2. Find headlines that use words like I, we, our, us and reconsider how to rewrite that sentence.
3. If all else fails, try calling out their demographic “Helping people from Winston-Salem achieve their fitness goals!”
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There is a science behind consumer behaviour online.
1000+ clients
500k+ unique visitors /month
Google ----> Homepage -------> Reviews Page

80% 80%

----> staff page

60%
Can I trust this business?
1. Do you have a reviews page? Call it reviews.
2. Do you have a staff page? What are their bios?
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A person who is googling is in active research.
They’re already sold on the service.

They already have an idea of their problem.
They are looking for the brand that will solve their need.

Who can they trust to fulfill their need?
Brand trust on the internet is formed through:

1. Validity of service: You can fulfill their need
2. Community approval (reviews)
3. Identity presentation (your bio)
BUT - for physical services (like yours) the final secret step to build trust: Letting them tell their story.
It’s sales 101: You can leverage the need to “share their story” by changing your website calls to action.
Step 1: consolidate to one or two CTAs MAX.

Your visitors need to know exactly what you want them to do.
Step 2: Imply that they will GET something.

E.g Request Information / Learn More / Get Info
Step 3: Avoid paradox of choice. Call to action clarity is paramount.
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You must be creating content - with the purpose of building digital trust.
Digital Activity = physical activity... e.g. you are an active part of the community with things going on!
Blog
Google My Business
Facebook
Blog: SEO, content, a website “bulletin board”
These are operational & system evolutions to benefit the members post covid-19.

Turned into CONTENT

Which in turns build digital trust.
Rule of thumb: Cross post your blog with respective links.
Conclusion: Your website is the lense through which your community decides if they trust you.

The extent that you are connecting with your visitors will determine your conversion rate.
New market share is going somewhere.... Are they choosing you?
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