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- WHEN DO I USE MY CRM vs MY AGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

Use the 20 questions I am about to go over to determine what tasks and functions should happen in your CRM vs the Agency Management System.

- 1. What is the best tool to use to send email templates to customers and prospects?
- 2. Can my email templates have merge fields / tags
- 3. What is the best tool to send text messages to customers and prospects?
- 4. Can the text messages have merge fields / tags?
- 5. Can I send an email template that has merge fields or tags based on a specific trigger or event?
- 6. Can I send a text message template that has merge fields or tags based on a specific trigger or event?
- 7. Workflow Automation: Can a series of email templates automatically go out on a specific schedule?
- 8. Workflow Automation: Can a series of text message templates automatically go out on a specific schedule?
- 9. What's the best tool to pull reports such as upcoming renewals, upcoming birthdays, cross-sell, and new customer reports?
- 10. Can a mass email go out to contacts from a report or audit?
- 11. Can a mass text message go out to contacts from a report or audit?
- 12. What is the best tool to send an Electronic Signature form?
- 13. What's the best system to create a task for a customer's record?
- 14. Can the task that we create be assigned to more than one team member?
- 15. Will tasks that are created show up on a:

Dashboard Widget,

Outstanding Tasks Log,

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- 16. *Can I run a report that shows my non completed tasks?*
- 17. Which of my agency technology tools integrate with other 3<sup>rd</sup> party technology tools such as:

Phone Tools

Video Tools

Postal Mail Tools,

Etc.

- 18. Will the integration be easy?
- 19. How many total fields or tags in my technology tools can be merge field into an Email Template, Document, or Form?
- 20. What capacity for document storage does my system have?

Questions to Ask of Your Agency Management System

- How many of my most important carriers can I download information from?
- What level of coverage information can I download from my carriers?
- What level of household information can I download from my carriers?
- What level of policy information can I download from my carriers?
- Can I create and send a merge field email template or form that pulls in current customer policy information, coverage limits, and contact data?

WHEN ASKING ABOUT YOUR INSURANCE AGENCY TECH STACK . . .

Don't Assume! The moment you start assuming, you stop asking questions.

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