

## LinkedIn Messages Should be SNAPPY

People are overwhelmed. Break through the inbox clutter by standing out.

- **Specific** Your message should have a clear and specific purpose. Stay focused on it.
- **Next Steps** Be clear on what you are asking for and have a clear, easy, specific next step.
- **About Them** Think in terms of what is valuable to them, not you.
- **Personalized** Personalize the message for the person... Don't send a canned message.
- **Precise** Don't include every detail. Generate interest.
- **You** Link to a personal connection or commonality to differentiate your message.

## LinkedIn Updates Should be SCORE

Status updates should provide quick value to score attention in the newsfeed.

- **Short** Generally shorter updates perform best.
- **Catchy** Focus on an interesting stat or aspect of the content. Don't just be descriptive.
- **Obvious** There should be obvious value in the post whether it is an image, link or text.
- **Relevant** Share status updates that are relevant to your target audience. Why do they care?
- **Expertise** Post status updates that grow your expertise and your personal brand.

## LinkedIn Articles Should be SMART

You don't have to write every week. Write *great* articles when you have the time or a great idea.

- **Specific** Keep your article focused on a specific area that you have expertise in. Niche is nice.
- **Market** Market, share and promote your articles or they won't be seen.
- Authentic Authentic and personalized articles add interest to your account.
- **Real Value** The content should have real value to the readers.
- **Title** A catchy title is the key to success. Spend the most time on it.