10 Clues to Know When It's Time to Fire Your Customer

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:

<u>The SaaS Guide to Handling Rude Customers</u>

Is it time to fire your customer? Here are 10 ways to figure out when it's time to say sayonara:

- 1. They're verbally abusive to your team members.
- 2. They're never satisfied with anything that you do.
- 3. They aren't bringing in a lot of revenue.
- 4. They are draining your customer support resources with constant questions, complaints, and help requests.
- 5. They're not a good fit for the services that you provide.
- 6. They've violated a term or agreement in your contract.
- 7. Losing their business won't impact your success.
- 8. They're not good communicators.
- 9. They have unrealistic expectations of what your service can do.
- 10. They don't refer others to you.

When firing a customer, do the following:

- Show your appreciation for their business (i.e. "Thank you for trying us").
- Explain why you're parting ways but don't blame the customer.
- Apologize for not being the right solution for the customer.
- Offer suggestions for a SaaS that may be a better fit.
- Be firm with your decision to "fire" the customer. If you've decided to part ways, don't change your mind if they promise to change.