**What to Do After the Interview**

* **Always follow up**: 95% of candidates don’t send a thank you note, yet 68% of hiring managers say it makes a positive impact.
* **Send thank-you emails**: Reach out to the hiring manager, recruiter, or anyone you met—typically through your main point of contact. Keep it brief, sincere, and personal.
* **Use AI for drafting**: If writing isn’t your strength, use tools like Gemini to generate a first draft of your thank-you note. Edit it to add a personal touch.
* **Include extras**: Add relevant links (like portfolios or discussed projects), but avoid overloading the message.
* **Stay engaged**: Follow the company on social media to demonstrate continued interest and stay updated.
* **Follow up if needed**: If you haven’t heard back within one to two weeks and no timeline was given, send a polite follow-up email mentioning the role and your interview date.
* **Handling an offer**: Respond with enthusiasm and professionalism. It's fine to take time to consider the offer, but clearly communicate your timeline to the recruiter.
* **Negotiate wisely**: Research the market rate for the role in your location to prepare for negotiations.
* **Dealing with rejection**: Not every interview leads to an offer—don’t take it personally. Use it as a learning experience and keep going.
* **Stay on their radar**: If you're still interested in the company, ask them to keep your information on file for future opportunities.