

**FIFTY-TWO WAYS TO MAKE
THE CHURCH GO:
SPIRITUALLY, FINANCIALLY,
NUMERICALLY**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649582723

Fifty-Two Ways to Make the Church Go: Spiritually, Financially, Numerically by Various

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

VARIOUS

**FIFTY-TWO WAYS TO MAKE
THE CHURCH GO:
SPIRITUALLY, FINANCIALLY,
NUMERICALLY**

FIFTY-TWO WAYS
TO
MAKE THE CHURCH GO

**SPIRITUALLY
FINANCIALLY
NUMERICALLY**

**BY LIVE PATRONS OF LIVE
CHURCHES**

F. M. BARTON
CLEVELAND, O.

CONTENTS

| | Page |
|--|------|
| INTRODUCTION | |
| Plans and power—J. H. B..... | 5 |
| What if they had quit?—C. Kober..... | 8 |
| INSPIRATION | |
| How to make the world better..... | 13 |
| How to make an efficient church..... | 19 |
| FINANCES | |
| A church with one budget..... | 23 |
| How to make a financial canvass..... | 27 |
| Five money raising plans..... | 34 |
| Doubling loose collections..... | 39 |
| Talent method of raising money..... | 42 |
| A church program..... | 44 |
| Raising money without scheming..... | 46 |
| Keeping interest in church finances..... | 49 |
| Raising \$28,000 on a budget..... | 52 |
| ADVERTISING | |
| Seven ways to advertise a church..... | 59 |
| EVANGELISM | |
| Conducting an evangelistic meeting..... | 67 |
| How to begin a revival..... | 69 |
| Personal evangelism | 72 |
| Evangelism without special meetings..... | 77 |
| Suggestions for Win-One-Week..... | 79 |
| How a gospel team works..... | 82 |
| ORGANIZATION | |
| How to train young people..... | 85 |
| How to organize junior church..... | 90 |
| How to get boys into church..... | 95 |
| How to reach high school boys..... | 96 |
| How to bring members into the church..... | 97 |
| How the pastor can enlist and train men..... | 98 |
| How to lead 4,000,000 to Christ..... | 113 |
| How to enlist members by referendum..... | 119 |

| | Page |
|---|------|
| CHURCH ATTENDANCE | |
| Home-coming rally | 119 |
| How to use motion pictures..... | 122 |
| Making the Sunday evening service go..... | 124 |
| Making a country church program..... | 125 |
| How to use the stereoptican..... | 128 |
| How to make Christmas last a year..... | 130 |
| How to make the church building useful..... | 136 |
| TEMPERANCE | |
| A substitute for the saloon..... | 139 |
| How to answer arguments of liquor men..... | 142 |
| SUGGESTIONS | |
| How to make ends meet..... | 150 |
| How to use automobiles..... | 155 |
| How to combine pledge and budget..... | 157 |
| How to combine church and Sunday School... | 158 |

INTRODUCTION

PLANS AND POWER

There is absolutely no room for arguments as to whether methods come first in religious activity.

They do not.

Spirit comes first.

The attitude of the pastor and people toward God and toward each other is the great essential.

The spiritual temper of the congregation is a thing of chief importance.

But frankly admitting this—yes, earnestly asserting this—the very next step is to provide channels through which love to God may flow in service rendered to him and ministry to man.

A congregation needs varied and fresh methods for stimulating and sustaining spiritual interest and directing its activities.

Plans of work in congregations lacking spirituality become mechanical.

But it is just as true, on the other hand, that awakened zeal which is not released along specific lines and in definite ways of service reacts upon itself disastrously.

The pastor who is most nearly ideal, other things being equal, is the one who adds to deeply-rooted spirituality, fertility in resources and ingenuity in devising methods of work for his people.

A good plan carefully executed, and in the working out of which the talents and energies of a number of members are enlisted is a god-send for any congregation.

Many a congregation has been lifted from an existence of monotonous routine, to one of virile aggressiveness in this way.

An outlet has been provided for their stored-up—dammed-up—spiritual energies and great blessings have flowed out to others and back to them. For it is one of the peculiar marks of expenditure of spiritual energy that it is increased by its outgiving.

And then we all know the difference between the congregation that scattereth and yet increaseth, and the one that withholdeth more than is meet, and its doing so tendeth to poverty.

We usually hear that verse applied to money-giving; but it is just as truly applicable to the giving of the soul's energies and the heart's affections.

The happiest congregations in the world are: Those which have the greatest number of members busily at work for Christ and their fellows.

And nothing does more than this to promote Christian harmony and good fellowship. Your corner loafers are your greatest controversialists. A group of earnest toilers absorbed in real tasks—not merely in watching wheels go round—have no time or inclination for "scrapping."

But these are both the reflex effects of well-laid plans. There is the other side.

Think of the truly great results which may be secured in winning men for Christ and building them up in Christian character when the great, latent energies of our churches are definitely concentrated upon the task.

No doubt God could do it all without us, but he does not choose to. Carlyle was fond of saying, "Aweel, Donald, God will bring a' richt." "Hech, Sir! but we must help him to do it," was the apt answer once given.

The large results oftentimes secured through well-organized evangelistic services illustrate possibilities.

True, these are special, and not altogether adapted to permanent use in the individual church. But the principle back of them holds good in the one as well as the other.

Aroused human nature always asks, "What wilt thou have me to do?" And it is the man who is spiritually ingenious enough to set it to work who will not only succeed in "fixing" its heart impressions, but who, through his wisely directing these forces upon great tasks, will be able to get large results.

The spiritual awakening lets loose the pent-up forces of the life, which have hitherto been dormant, and uses them to spread the kingdom.

You have two, four, six hundred members in your church.

There is not one of them who has not talents waiting to be utilized, if not already in use. Some one has told that one of Beethoven's most famous concertos was suggested to him as he heard repeated knocks in the stillness of the night at a neighbor's door. The concerto begins with four soft taps of the drum—raised in this work to the rare dignity of a solo instrument. Again and again the four beats are heard throughout the music, making a wonderful effect. God is ready to use the humblest Christian for great results.

Prayer and personal influence, and the Spirit working through them, will ordinarily stimulate that man or woman to willingness—and even eager willingness. And then the important thing is to be able to provide the would-be toiler with a task.

Here is where your plans come in; and the right plan is often the life-belt flung to the man who would eventually sink without it.

WHAT IF THEY HAD QUIT?

C. K. Ober.

I beheld in my dream, and five men—Peter, Andrew, Matthew, John, and Paul—sat on a hillside, looking out over the Sea of Galilee. It was twenty years after the "Day of Pentecost," and they had met by appointment to talk over a crisis in the lives and programs of three of their number.

The work was going hard with them. Paul had suffered the loss of all things; Peter had left all to follow Christ and was finding it hard to support his family; and Matthew had just had a flattering offer at a large salary and an interest in the business, to come back to his old place in the custom house.

Peter, as usual, opened the discussion. He said: "My wife's mother has opened a boarding house in Capernaum; it will cost us almost nothing to live with her while we are getting started again, and I have a chance to buy back my old interest in the fishing business. I can make a good living and a little more by fishing five days in the week, and I will have all my Sundays for evangelistic work in the cities around the lake. I am getting along in years and am afraid I can't stand the pace at which I have been working. And, then, too, I need the money."

Paul said, "Aquila and Priscilla have been greatly prospered in the tent-making business in Ephesus and have offered me a position at a good salary, to open a branch business in Philippi, and from there to work out and establish and supervise the business in the principal cities of Macedonia. I can do this work; it will not be any harder for me than the care of all the