

1. By having faith in God. Let us believe that this is the Lord's work, that he has given it to us to do, and that we can do it. If we have faith as a grain of mustard seed, we will be able to overcome all our difficulties—yea, even remove mountains. Let us enter upon this year with more confidence in God and larger hopes than we have ever had before.

2. By taking a deeper personal interest in the life of our congregation. We should regard ourselves as a part of this congregation—that its interests are ours, its failures our disgrace, its prosperity our honour. The life of each member is wrapped up in the bundle of the life of this church. Let us ever be conscious of this.

3. By doing our share of the work to the best of our ability. There is work for every one to do. Let each find his work and do it with earnestness and love, and we will have a living, growing, fruitful congregation. Then we will see the latent forces brought forth, and we will marvel at the power for good which was dormant among us.

Beloved, time is short. Life is rapidly hastening to its close. We may have entered