

How Ordinary Members May Help.

What They Should Not Do.

It is the ordinary member to whom we speak—the extraordinary member is away beyond us. It is the ordinary member the Lord is waiting to sanctify for service, and if in a revival the ordinary member is not interested and at work the revival is not usually genuine. There are some things which the ordinary member must not do. He must not wait to see if the meetings are well attended and popular before he manifests his interest. His interest at any time will not be genuine if so influenced. He should not wait to see if the minister will wander to some hobby of his—the success of the revival depends upon the power of the Spirit and not upon the riding of a hobby.

1. He should personally study the Word of God with a view to preparing his own heart and life for the work.

2. He should in prayer get so near to God as to enter into the work rich in the fellowship of the Spirit, and with a holy enthusiasm for souls.

3. He should, by a living faith in the promises of God and a pure life in the love of Christ, make all doubt to himself impossible.

4. He should be present at the meetings in cheerful readiness for any service and an unbounded expectation of good.

Belleville, Ont. REV. C. W. WATCH.

The Church is a Home.

The Church is a home and each member should see that every other member is comfortable and happy, and that the guests are made welcome. This offers a field of work for each member of the church. How alive our churches would be if so many who say they cannot do anything would just do this!

At special revival each member ought to come early and get acquainted with all the strangers before the opening of the service. It is most cheerful to be singing some lively hymns (without the organ) while the people are gathering.

Each member should show intense earnestness. Intensity is one of nature's laws—seen in the light, heat, gravity, electricity. The sinner only needs to see the church in earnest, and he will be concerned.

It may only need two men to keep a car moving, but it took twenty to start it, so success only is assured when everyone takes hold.

REV. H. WIGLE.

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Belief in a Revival.

1. By being conscious of personal responsibility.

2. By thorough preparation at home, through prayer and study of God's word—honest consecration.

3. By belief in a revival, its value, its possibility, and the need of special effort to secure it.

4. By complete dependence upon God's Holy Spirit—a thorough baptism.

5. By being present at the services, taking part in singing, prayer, testimony and personal work.

6. By confessing Christ constantly with mouth and life, inviting with loving tact strangers to the services.

7. By co-operating with your pastor to the best of your ability.

8. By doing all to the glory of God. (Col. 3. 17).

REV. DAVID A. MOIR.

Oakville, Ont.

Full Consecration.

A full consecration of ourselves to God by a consistent life, and a continual uplifting of our hearts to God in fervent prayer for ourselves first, and then for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon those around us who do not love God, cannot fail to have an influence. Let us not fail to speak a word in season to those whom we hear to the throne of grace. An active Christian, whose heart is all aglow with love to God, will not fail to find some way to be of help to those around him. May God awaken us to a sense of our duty!

J. W. HUMPHREY.

Chatham, Ont.

Talking up the Services.

1. By praying in secret and at the family altar for an outpouring of the Spirit upon the services.

2. By attendance upon the services every night, unless excused through lawful reasons.

3. By allowing no long pauses to occur, under any circumstances, during the prayer or testimony meeting.

4. By coming forward promptly, on call of the pastor, however conscious of humility or obscurity.

5. By talking up the services at the home, in the workshop and among the neighbors.

6. By calling upon unsaved friends to accompany them to the services, or by taking charge of the home of a neighbor occasionally to permit the attendance of the mother.

7. By making special effort to have the boys and girls of our homes, the Church, and the Sunday-school openly committed for Christ.

REV. J. S. ROSS, D.D.

Guelph, Ont.

Consecration of Time and Energy.

1. By united purpose.

2. By united supplication.

3. By obedience to their general, the pastor.

4. By consecration of time, thought and energy—to time, to attend meetings, to visit, to do whatever the Spirit may impress one is a duty (relying that He will not demand more than one can afford); thought, to devise common-sense, practical methods of reaching results which, when thought out, should not form the basis of a grumble at some different need in use, but be discussed in a business-like way with the pastor; energy, which will leave nothing undone which has been assigned or impressed as a duty.

W. HAMILTON.

Toronto.

Rich in Faith.

The individual member can help in many ways:

1. He can be "filled with the Spirit," and, if so, he will strive mightily with God and labor earnestly with men that they may be saved.

2. He can sustain by his presence all special services held in the neighborhood for winning men to Christ.

3. He can kindly invite and affectionately entreat his friends to attend the means employed for bringing men to the Saviour.

4. He can inform the pastor possibly of some whose hearts have been touched by the

word preached, and to whom a visit by the pastor might be a great help toward his salvation.

5. In numberless ways, if in full sympathy with the work, he can help to kindle the revival fire. If he is a man of much wealth, he can consecrate his talent to Christ and be, like Cornelius, a blessing to many. If a man of limited means, or, indeed, if he has neither silver nor gold, yet may be rich in faith, and by faith bring the victory, for "This is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith."

REV. I. TOVELL, D.D.

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Thorough Heart Search.

The preparation that I, as an individual, need for revival work, is that I begin at home by the Spirit's help to make a thorough heart search; that I practise introspection, prejudiced, if anything, against myself; that I put on those spectacles that will magnify my own faults, not those of others; that I get my conscience right with God and everybody; that I be as much in earnest about saving a soul as I am in business or at play. The preparation of the Church and League for a revival that will touch the sinner, is that they be "on fire" themselves. If the flame is big enough somebody else will start to burn.

REV. J. F. KAY, B.A.

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Not by Becoming a Moody.

Not many of the members of our Church can help the surely coming twentieth century thanksgiving revival by becoming a "D. L. Moody" or a "Crossley and Hunter," but by being so kindly disposed, so sympathetic, so self-denying, so ready to serve, so careful of our tongues, so forgiving, so continually in the spirit of prayer that those in our own homes will see Christ in us. We may all help to swell the grand total of revival influence. God help us so to do and be.

DR. A. W. THORNTON.

Chatham, Ont.

Special Consecration.

Let the revival be preceded by a complete and special consecration of the members of the Church. Every human means must needs be sanctified by the Holy Spirit to do God's work acceptably and effectively. If there is a thorough consecration at the first, it will not take two or three weeks to reach the back seats. There will likewise be no difficulty about the attendance of workers; the singing, the praying, the personal work will need directing only. To this end, the pastor must map out the campaign and keep constantly planning the advance and entrenched as each advantage is gained.

PROF. J. H. FAULL.

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Two-Talented People.

Not many of us have five talents, and very few would be ready to admit that they are only possessed of one. The majority are just average people with two talents. The success of our revival movement will depend upon the fidelity and earnestness of these ordinary members. If they excuse themselves from service because they have not five talents the result will be disastrous. The question for every member to ask with all sincerity and earnestness is "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"

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