



"HOW OUR  
CHURCH OUGHT  
TO BE"

*Acts 2:1-12, 31-47*



**It had been 50 days since the Passover – When Jesus, our Passover Lamb was slain for our sin.**

**It had been 47 days since He arose from the grave, victorious over death, guaranteeing eternal life.**

**It had been a week since His ascension back into heaven.**

**Now, on the Day of Pentecost the church was empowered.**

**We have all the necessary ingredients the first church had – Why do we not experience the power and growth they did?**



**Last week we began giving ourselves a “CHECK-UP.”**

**We have begun examining ourselves, our church, our motives.**

**Let’s look some more at ourselves and how we view our service to God.**

**We call this time we meet a “Worship Service.”**

**However, we are not serving God when we come to worship. Our service begins when we leave.**

**As we examine our service to God let’s look at How We Act and React in Our Service.**



**Everyone in our church is much like one of several clocks when it comes to their service to God.**



# I. THE MANTEL CLOCK:

## A. It runs for a while then stops.

1. You shake it and it goes again then stops.
2. The pastor shakes some up and they do something for God.
3. Reacting to symptoms instead of problems.

## B. Take them to the Clock doctor for a check-up.

1. The main spring needs replacing.
2. The Spirit – Old out – Holy Spirit in.



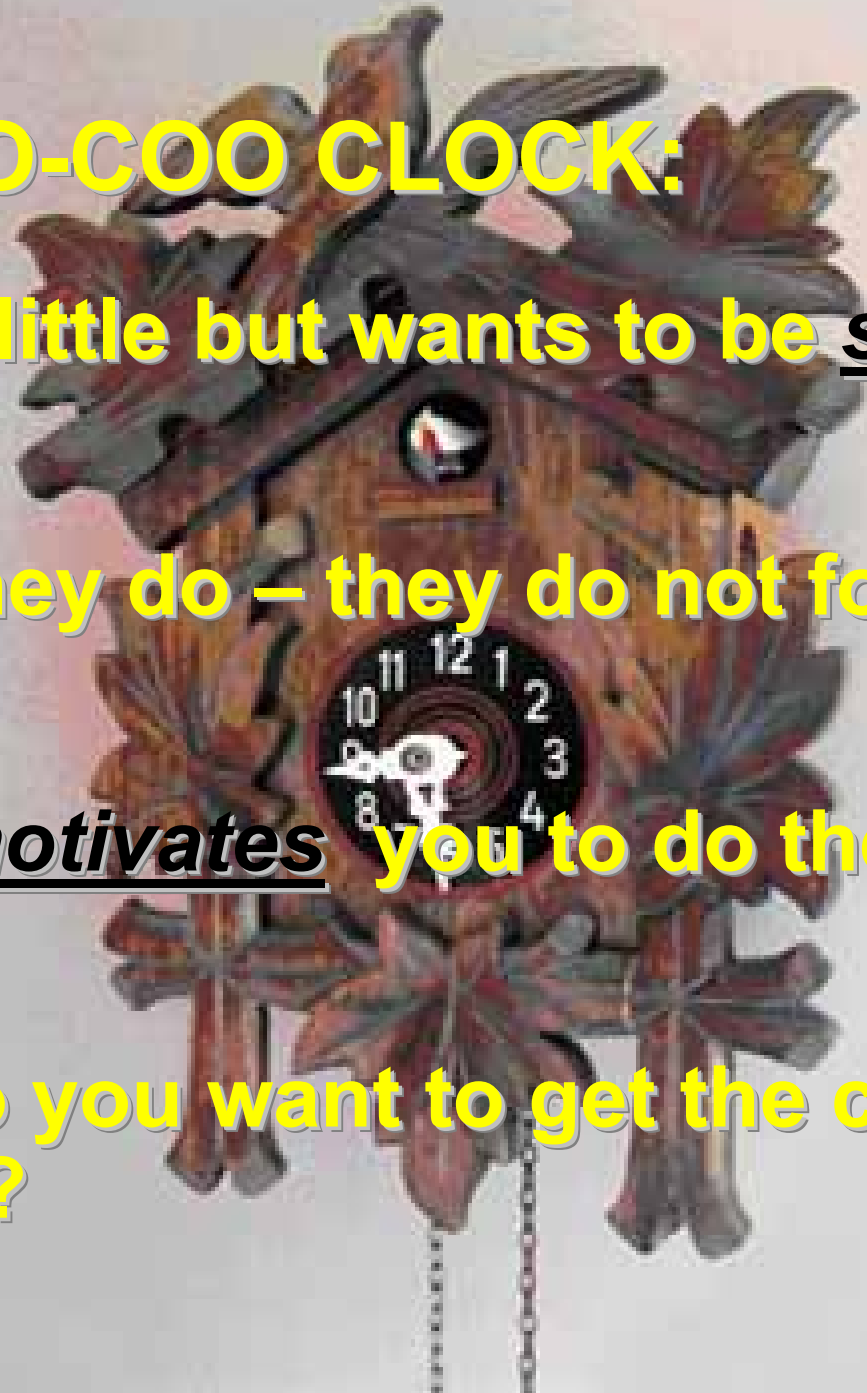
## II. THE COO-COO CLOCK:

A. It does little but wants to be seen and heard.

B. What they do – they do not for the honor to God.

C. What motivates you to do the things you do?

D. Who do you want to get the credit? You or God?



### III. THE ALARM CLOCK:

**A. There is nothing more annoying than an Alarm Clock.**

1. Just when you are enjoying the sleep – RING!
2. Wouldn't it be nice to have a pleasant voice like mother's.

**B. Alarm Clocks work but complain loudly.**

1. They do the work but want you to know they are doing their job.
2. They complain daily about having to do so much.

**C. Don't you just feel like hitting them in the head?**



**D. On the dresser, they begin to think – “While the family is doing nothing but sleeping – Here I am working so hard all night.”**

- 1. Do they realize how hard I work? 2 ticks per sec., 120 per min., 7,200 per hr., 173,800 per day.**
- 2. I’m the only one ticking.**
- 3. I’m the only one doing anything.**
- 4. No one ticks as hard as I do, 1,209,600 ticks per week, 62,899,200 per year.**
- 5. And all I get for it is slapped around every morning.**
- 6. He has a nervous break down, so you take him to the clock Psychiatrist.**
- 7. What’s wrong? – His ticker is gone!**
- 8. Advice – Just take One tick at a time.**



**IV. THE POCKET WATCH:**

**A. A hidden disciple.**

**B. There is no such thing as a Secret Disciple.**

**C. If you are really a Follower of Christ it will show.**

# V. THE BIG BEN CLOCK:

## A. Sounds off all the time.

1. Not necessarily a loud mouth.
2. It is Bold in doing what it is supposed to do.

## B. That is just for what the maker made it.

## C. That is what God wants us to be.

1. We are to be a Bold Witness for Him.
2. That is not the reason He saved us –
3. But it is the reason He has left us here.

