

1. Repeatedly restating a personal view	9. Criticising a Friend who is present by name
2. Rising to speak immediately after another Friend has spoken	10. Criticising a Friend who is absent by name
3. Saying, 'It's time we got on and made a decision. Stop wasting time'	11. Insisting on speaking
4. Addressing the meeting, 'If you do this...'	12. To the clerk, 'Perhaps it would help to have a period of silence'
5. Making a prepared statement	13. Speaking to an item without a sense of having been prompted by the Spirit
6. Telling the clerk to sit down when s/he has risen to move the business on	14. 'I hope so'
7. Coming for the items that interest you	15. Requesting that your dissenting view be recorded in the minutes
8. Sending a letter to be read out	16. Discussing the next item while the clerk gets on with drafting a minute

17. 'I think our Friend is trying to say...'	25. Standing to pray in a meeting for business	
18. Standing while the clerk is drafting a minute to indicate you wish to make a further contribution to that item	26. Ministering during opening worship	
19. Knitting during meeting for worship for business	27. Speaking seated rather than standing	
20. Eating your lunch during the meeting	28. To the clerk, 'That minute does not express the sense of the meeting'	
21. 'I can only attend meeting for worship for business if you make sure Friend X is not there'	29. Making notes during opening worship	
22. Leaving after the item that interests you	30. An attender speaking in meeting for worship for business	
23. Addressing what you say to the previous speaker, rather than the clerk	31. 'Shall we have a show of hands?'	
24. Speaking in a lull, but without being called to by the clerk	32. Bringing a baby to meeting for worship for business	

33. To a Friend who has just spoken, 'No, you are wrong...'	41. Leaving the room in the middle of an agenda item
34. Reading background papers during opening worship	42. Leaving the room during closing worship
35. Asking the clerk if you can speak soon because you have to leave early	43. 'That Friend speaks my mind'
36. During opening worship, mentally rehearsing what to say later	44. 'I absolutely agree'
37. Citing precedents from other meetings	45. An attender present during nominations business
38. Reading from the Bible when called to speak	46. On nominations business, 'Friend X is a really bad choice because...'
39. 'There are Friends not present who would not unite with this minute'	47. 'That name would not have occurred to me'
40. Accepting that your lone dissenting voice must be wrong	48. Speaking to every item on the agenda

49. Coming having not read the agenda and other papers	Blank for you to use	
50. Speaking more than once on a single item	Blank for you to use	
51. Having not been at the meeting, complaining about the decision made	Blank for you to use	
52. Not saying anything when you have a strong sense that the meeting is misled	Blank for you to use	
53. Leaving the meeting early to put the coffee on		
54. Shaking your head and tutting to signal dissent		
55. Saying 'I disagree with what our Friend has just said'		
56. Turning round to signal your approval of a Friend's contribution		

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