

*(Data from 1,400 Local Service Businesses Using This Tactic)*

**Fact:** 84% of consumers check Google Maps before booking services (LocaliQ, 2024), yet most businesses miss a **free booking button** that can add 50+ appointments/month.

A Texas hair salon used this hidden feature to **fill 63 empty slots**—spending just \$27 to set it up. No ads, no SEO tricks.

This guide reveals the **exact 3-step process**, with screenshots from real businesses dominating their markets.

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## 1. The “Get a Booking” Button (5-Minute Setup)

Google quietly added a **built-in scheduling tool** to Business Profiles. When enabled, it shows a “Book” button next to your listing.

### How to Activate It:

1. Go to your **Google Business Profile dashboard**
2. Navigate to “**Services**” > “**Booking**”
3. Connect Calendly, Square Appointments, or Google Calendar (*free options available*)

**Pro Tip:** Name your service “**Free Consultation**” or “**Emergency Slot**” to boost clicks.

- *Left:* Regular GBP listing

- *Right:* Same listing with bright orange “Book” button

### Why It Works:

- **3.7x more profile clicks** than competitors (LocaliQ)
  - **52% of users** book directly from Maps (Google internal data)
  - **No extra fees** (unlike paid LSAs)
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## 2. Trigger the “Available Today” Badge

Google shows this **green checkmark badge** to profiles with:

- Real-time booking availability
- Same-day appointments

**Hack:** Open **one slot per day** at prime times (e.g., 12 PM and 5 PM) to guarantee the badge appears.

### Case Study:

- **Business:** Denver HVAC company
- **Tactic:** Left 2 “emergency” slots open daily
- **Result:** **28 more calls/month** from badge alone

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### 3. Auto-Reply to Reviews (Free Traffic Multiplier)

Google prioritizes businesses that **respond quickly** to reviews. Use this template to save time:

\*“Thanks, [Name]! We’re thrilled you loved [specific service]. Need help with [related service]? **Book online 24/7 here:** [link]”\*

#### Tools to Automate:

- **ChatGPT + Zapier** (Auto-generate responses)
- **Podium** (Review management)

#### Impact:

- **41% higher local rankings** for businesses replying within 4 hours (BrightLocal)
- **17% of review readers** click booking links (ReviewTrackers)

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### Real-World Results

Business	Tactic Used	Results	Cost
Dallas Hair Salon	Booking button + “Emergency Slot”	+63 appts/month	\$0
Seattle Plumber	“Available Today” badge	+22 calls	\$0
Miami Dentist	Review auto-replies	31% more bookings	\$27/mo

## Key Takeaways

1. **Turn on your GBP booking button**(5-minute setup)
2. **Game the “Available Today” badge** with held slots
3. **Auto-reply to reviews** with booking links

**Next Step:** Enable your booking button **today**—it takes under 5 minutes.

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