



Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their Saviour. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken."

"So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered dish dinners, but *steal their time*, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ.

"This is what I want you to do," said the devil: "***Distract them*** from gaining hold of their Saviour and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!" "How shall we do this?" his demons shouted!

"***Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life*** and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow."

"Persuade husbands and wives to go to work for long hours, 6-7 days a week, so they can afford their empty lifestyles."

"Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!"

"Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear God's still, small voice. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive, keep their TV, VCR, CDs and PCs going constantly in their home, and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ."

"Fill their coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogues, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes."

"Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines and TV so their husbands will believe that outward beauty is what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives. Keep the wives too tired to

love their husbands at night. Give them headaches too! If they don't give their husbands the love they need, they will begin to look elsewhere. That will fragment their families quickly!"

"Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas. Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about Christ's resurrection and power over sin and death."

"Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted. Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead. ***Keep them busy, busy, busy!***"

"When they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences."

"**Crowd their lives** with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. **It will work! It will work!**"

It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busier and more rushed. Going here and there modern Christians began having little time for God or their families, and even less time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives.

Has the devil been successful with you? Is your life crowded with trivial pursuits, or do you live with eternity's values in view?

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'twil soon be passed,  
Only what's done for Christ  
will last!**