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atan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church."

"We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their Savior."

"Once they gain that connection with the Lord Jesus Christ, our power over them is broken."

"We can't keep them from reading their Holy Bibles and knowing the truth."

"So let them go to their churches; let them have

their Agape lunch and dinners, but steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ."

"This is what I want you to do," said

the devil. "Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior 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 the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, 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 that still, small voice." "Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive...to keep the TV, VCR and their 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 their Lord Jesus Christ."

"Fill the sofa 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 catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes."

"Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of the Holy Nativity. Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about His 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!"

"And 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 their Lord Jesus Christ. 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. With being so busy the Christians will have little time for their God or their families. They will have no time to tell others about the power of the Lord Jesus Christ to change lives.

I guess the question is, has the devil been successful at his scheme?

You be the judge! Does "busy" mean:

B-eing U-nder S-atan's Y-oke?

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