

## SATAN CALLED A WORLDWIDE MEETING

*Are you too busy to hear the still, small voice of God?  
This compelling story may help change your priorities.*

Satan called a worldwide meeting. The huge crowd hushed as he stepped up to speak. "We can't keep the Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't keep them from conservative values, but we can do something else." He paused. Everyone listened.

"We can keep them from forming an intimate, abiding experience in Christ. If they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to church, let them have their conservative lifestyles, but steal their time, so they can't gain that experience in Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do. Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining a vital connection through their day!"

"How shall we do this?" shouted his angels.

"Simple. Keep them busy, busy, busy in the nonessentials of life and invent un-numbered schemes to occupy their minds," he answered.

"Tempt them to spend and spend, then borrow and borrow.

"Keep them from their children. Convince the wives to go to work and the husbands to work six and seven days a week, 10 to 12 hours a day, so they can afford their lifestyles. Tell them they are doing it FOR their children. Hah! That one works well. As their families fragment, soon their homes won't offer an escape from the pressures of work.

"Overstimulate their minds so that they cannot hear the 'still, small voice.' Entice them to play the radio whenever they drive, and to keep the TV, streaming services, smart phones, social media, and text messages going constantly in their homes and whenever they have a moment of rest. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ.

"Fill their homes 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, sweepstakes, mail-order catalogs, newsletters, promotional offerings, free products, services, and false hopes.

"Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted, disquieted, and unprepared for the coming week. Don't let them go out in nature. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, concerts, and movies instead.

"When they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences and unsettled emotions. Don't let them encourage or uplift each other; keep those who are the gifted encouragers especially busy and worn out.

"And above all, when they get together, keep them from praying for one another. Let them be involved in soulwinning. But crowd their lives with so many good causes that they have no time to seek power from Christ. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family unity for the good of the cause."

It was quite a convention in the end. And the evil angels went eagerly to their assignments trying to cause Christians everywhere to get busy, busy, busy, and rush here and there.