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SATAN'S MEETING - Author Unknown

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 savior.'

'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 Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!' 'How shall we do this?' his demons shouted. 'Keep them busy in the non-essentials 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, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world play non-biblical music constantly.' 'This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ.'

'Fill the 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 catalogs, 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 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 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 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. Having little time for their God or their families. Having no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful in his schemes?

You be the judge!!!!

Does 'BUSY' mean: **B-eing U-nder S-atan's Y-oke?**

WHAT CHRIST SAID

"I said, "Let me walk in the fields,"

He said, "No, walk in the town"

"I said, "There are no flowers there."

He said, "No flowers, but a crown"

"I said, "But, the skies are black; There is nothing but noise and din."

And He wept as He sent me back— "There is more," He said. "There is sin."

"I said, "But the air is thick And bogs are veiling the sun."

He answered, "Yet souls are sick, And souls in the dark, undone!"

"I said, "I shall miss the light, And friends will miss me, they say:"

He answered, "Choose tonight, If I am to miss you, or they."

"I pleaded for time to be given,

He said, "It is hard to decide; It will not be hard in heaven To have followed the steps of your guide."

I cast one look at the fields, And set my face to the town;

He said, "My child, do you yield? Will you give up the flowers for the crown?"

"Then into His hand went mine, And into my heart came He; I walked in a light divine

The paths I had feared to see." -- George McDonald

"TO FAIL SPIRITUALLY IS TO REAP THE REWARD OF ETERNAL CONDEMNATION"

You Can Trust The Holy Bible

You can trust the Holy Bible from the first page to the last. You can trust what it says about the future, and what it says about the past. There really was a Noah, who built an ark with a hammer and a nail. There really was a Jonah, who lived after being swallowed by a whale. There really was a town called Sodom, destroyed by fire and brimstone from above. And God really did feed the Hebrews with manna, sent to them with love. There really was a virgin Mary, who conceived Jesus in her womb. And it's true he came to life again, after being buried in a tomb. It's true Jesus healed the sick, and gave sight to those who couldn't see.. It's true he healed the deaf, and walked on the Sea of Galilee. He healed some who couldn't walk, and raised three persons from the dead. He fed a multitude of people with only two fish and five loaves of bread. The Bible tells us of hell.....a place for those not forgiven of their sin.

And it tells us of heaven.....a place Christ's disciples are sure to enter in. The Bible speaks of many things..... some easy, some hard to understand. But the Bible can be fully trusted, for it came from God's almighty hand.. So, don't pass judgment on the Bible. It's always right, never wrong. For God has given all its contents, and there's not a verse that doesn't belong. No, don't pass judgment on the Bible. It's God's infallible Word..Just listen to God speak as you read it. You'll be blessed by what is heard. **Source is Anonymous**

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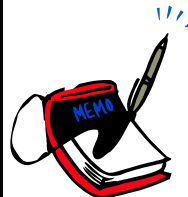
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



Silence Is Not Always Golden

“When We Fail To Teach People”

Required of ALL - not just "preachers":

- Prov 25:9** debate thy cause with thy neighbor (what is a more important cause than the gospel?)
- Matthew 28:19-20** all the baptized are commissioned to disciple others
- Acts 5:40-42** taught by example that we should teach
- Acts 8:1-4** all the church went every where preaching the word
- I Peter 3:15** give answer to every man
- Jude vs.1-3** all that are sanctified are to contend for the faith
- Hebrews 5:12** ye ought to be teachers
- II Cor 5:10-11** knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men

We would tell someone if we knew of a new cure for their cancer (to help them avoid physical death); how much more should we tell them since we know a cure for their sin (to help them avoid eternal death - **Matt 25:46**). The responsibility to proclaim the good news (gospel) of Jesus Christ can't be left undone, and the individual Christian still have the expectation of eternal life. Jesus in his public ministry spoke of the "slothful servant" who hid his talent in the ground as been wicked. By Pat Donahue from [www. Bibledebates.info](http://www.Bibledebates.info)