

Are You Too Busy for Jesus?

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Satan called a worldwide convention. In his opening address to his evil angels, he said, “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 even keep them from having an ongoing experience in Christ. But, if they gain that abiding connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to their churches, let them have their conservative lifestyles, **but steal their time, so they can’t gain that intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.** This is what I want you to do, angels. Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!” “How shall we do this?” shouted his angels. “Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds.”

The short piece above was excerpted from an article received over the Internet. It provides an excellent introduction to my exhortation to you this month. Today, we are inundated with all kinds of information through various mediums: television, radio, mail, email, newspapers, magazines, and of course the world wide web. The letters “www” has become a household acronym. Through this information-gateway the latest stock quotes, news headlines, shopping opportunities, and even Bible devotionals are at your fingertips almost instantly. One could spend hours literally “surfing” the Internet. Employee theft, a traditional problem in the workplace, is being replaced with the unproductivity caused by ‘non-work related web-surfing.’

Like most things, the Internet is a very useful and powerful resource. However, by using it unwisely it becomes a time waster, a distraction, even a tool of the enemy, to keep us from our “*Father’s Business.*” The prophet Daniel warns us that in the last days “*knowledge shall increase*” (Daniel 12:4). We are in the *last* of the last days! Overcoming the distraction of busyness requires military-like discipline over our time. We must take an aggressive stance to insure that God is **not** robbed of His time! Guard your heart, focus your mind and use your time wisely.