## YOU BE THE JUDGE?

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 conservative values. We can do something else. 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, 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 nonessentials of life and invent un-numbered schemes to occupy their minds," he answered.

"Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, then borrow, borrow, borrow. Convince the wives to go to work and the husbands to work 6 or 7 days a week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with

their families. As their family fragments, 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, the VCR, and their CD'S going constantly in their homes. And see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that fellowship 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, sweepstakes, mail order catalogues, every kind of newsletter and promotional offering, free products, services, false hopes. Convince them they can get something for nothing." "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. And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip & small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences and unsettled emotion."

"Let them be involved in soul-winning. But crowd their lives with so many good causes 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 causing Christians everywhere to get busy, busy, busy and rush here and there.

Has the devil been successful at his scheme? YOU BE THE JUDGE.