

Busy! Busy! Busy!

(video transcript)

By Karen Spiegelberg

I've got my day planner here, and it's chock full of appointments, board meetings, kids activities, family gatherings, and much more. My cell phone has several unreturned messages and texts waiting for me to answer. Ah, the busy-ness of my life—or, your life.



I'm Karen Spiegelberg. Welcome to A WORD for Women—a show by women and for women where we build each other up in our amazing and wonderful God-given roles in life!

Most of us at some time ask, "How did I get to be so busy?" and "What's the purpose of it all?" Here's an adapted essay originally by an anonymous author that I'd like to share with you. It's called, "Being Busy; the Devil's Convention":

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. But we can do something else. We can keep them from forming an intimate 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 their Savior!"

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

"Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, then borrow, borrow, borrow. Convince women to go to work for long hours and men to work 6 or 7 days a week so they can afford their lifestyles."

"Keep them from spending time with their children. As their family fragments soon their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work."

"Overstimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that small still Voice. Entice them to play their iPods or TV, and keep them going constantly in their homes. And see to it that every store and restaurant plays non-biblical music or big-screen TV's constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union 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 catalogs, and every kind of newspaper and promotional offering free products, services, and false hopes."

"Suck up their time with emails, cell phones, and social networking like Facebook."

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

"And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences and unsettled emotions."

"Let them be involved in soul-winning. But crowd their lives with so many causes they have no time to seek power from Christ. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause."

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

Has the devil been successful in his schemes?

How about the definition for the acronym, B.U.S.Y.? **Being Under Satan's Yoke.**

Satan's goal is to take our minds away from Christ, and steer us to the cares of this world. God wants us to enjoy life and many of the things we have mentioned, but He must be first. If we are too busy for God then we are too busy.

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