

7 Steps in Satan's Scheme Against Busy Ministry Leaders

Leaders are doers, movers, and shakers. But if that's all they are, their efforts can amount to shadowboxing. Thankfully, God has a one-two punch that's powerfully effective and worth learning. When Satan schemes against ministry leaders it sounds something like this:

Satan's Diabolical Schemes Against Leaders

- 1. "Let's make them think they're at their best when they're uber busy."
- 2. "Yes, and let's use that load of busyness to short circuit their devotion to God."
- 3. "Perfect! Let's take it a step further and keep them self-protective and reluctant to open up to their brothers and sisters in Christ."
- 4. "Hahaha! That's brilliant. We'll keep them from the two sources of greatest help—their Lord and the so-called body of Christ."
- 5. "Right! So busyness is their king, and they're operating solo—apart from their real King and their brothers and sisters."
- **6.** "Sounds like they'll be doing a lot of shadowboxing!"
- 7. "You gotta love it!"

Combine authentic relationships with kingdom purpose, and you have a powerful one-two punch against Satan's schemes.

As Christian leaders, we have the Spirit of Truth to combat the enemy's lies:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart... and, love your neighbor as yourself. -Luke 10:27

Share each other's burdens... - Galatians 6:2

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. -Ecclesiastes 4:9

...standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. –Philippians 1:27

For we are God's fellow workers.

-1 Corinthians 3:9

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