

The Camden Companion



"COME LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAYS THE LORD"

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The Devices of Satan Part 3

We know that Satan is up to no good. He is not interested in our well being at all and in fact seeks our eternal loss. He is deceitful and untrustworthy. Falling prey to Satan's lies we can become easily deceived ourselves. The only cure is to look to the Lord and hang onto His every word as He warns us about the devices of Satan.

Satan will appeal to an apparent need. In Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus had been fasting 40 days and was hungry. Satan tempted Him to fill His hunger by making stones into bread. Satan was trying to get Jesus to see that the apparent need outweighed any evil that could result. Satan uses this tactic often on folks today.

When Satan tries to sell himself to people today, he attacks a "perceived" need. There is the liberation offered by divorce as married folk seek the "need" of being free. Other people are in financial need so the lottery meets their need. Men and women live together without being married because there is a need to avoid government taxes. Homosexuality runs rampant because there is a need for personal freedom and expression.

Churches are not immune from this either. There is a need for more members so entertainment schemes are cooked up. Of course, more money is always needed so all sorts of money making ventures are invented rather than living within their means (1 Cor.16:1-2.) Churches get into bingo or casino nights to raise money for all sorts of "good" causes. The devil is always trying to make sin look respectable.

Someone once said there is no good way to do evil and no evil way to do what is good. Well said! Paul reminds us this way, "shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" (Romans 6:1.) You know the answer.

The Work Group Concept

The Bible teaches that there is much work for Christians to do. We are to bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2,) do good to all people and especially other Christians (Gal. 6:10,) and work to spread the gospel (Acts 8:4.) Every Christian has a part to play in this (Eph. 4:16.) With so much to do, work groups are a good way to provide the organization of all that needs to be done as well as help the membership get involved in the work here at Camden Avenue.

This is not to say that work is not being done. There are many here that do a lot of things "behind the scenes" and we are blessed in that regard. Such Christians would do the work with or without work groups. However, "two heads are better than one" as the old saying goes and we all benefit from the exchange of ideas and the encouragement we give one another. Work groups are simply one way to help willing workers best use their talents. We need everyone doing everything possible to help the congregation grow.

It is time to take the work at Camden Avenue up a level. Here is a brief outline of what we hope to accomplish:

1. Make sure the sick are noted and contacted by cards & calls
2. Make sure visitors are welcomed and thank you cards sent to them
3. Put forth an organized effort to contact the community.
4. Exchange ideas about growing and encourage each other.

Work groups are not be a "gossip session" or be used as a way to "shame" others into taking part. We want to lovingly and gently encourage one another and reach out to others in the community. We can do this. We have enough people but we need you all. Please be aware of this new opportunity to get involved in letting Woodford County know that the Lord's church is here.