

## 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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