

**The Devil's 3 Goals**  
**1 Pt 5:8-9**  
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Thesis: I want to show the goals that the devil has in mind.

Intro:

1. We are not ignorant of the devil's devices. (**2 Cor 2:11**)
2. Take the whole armor of protection. (**Eph 6:10-13**)
3. Be strong in the Lord. (**1 Cor 16:13**)

I. Render you worthless in the church.

- A. Keep you barren. (**Jn 15:2,8**)
- B. How does He do that?
  1. Keep you ignorant of your duty.
  2. Covetous.
  3. Too busy
  4. Excuses

II. He wants to keep you out of the church.

- A. Benefits received in the church. (**Acts 2:47**)
  1. Blood of Christ was shed for our sins. (**Mt 26:28, Heb 9:22**)
  2. All spiritual blessings in Christ. (**Eph 1:3**)
- B. Mission of the church. (**Eph 3:10**)
  1. Spreading the gospel. (**Matt 28:18-20**)
  2. Helping the sick. (**James 1:27**)
- C. Glorify God therein (**Eph 3:20, Col 3:17**)
- D. How does he keep people out?
  1. Prejudice
  2. "One church good as another."
  3. "Jesus not the church"
  4. Faith only saves.
  5. Baptism not necessary.
  6. Sprinkling and pouring acceptable.
  7. Procrastination

III. Get you back into the world.

- A. Demas went back. (**2 Tim 4:10**)
- B. Love not the world (**James 4:3, 1 Jn 2:15**)
- C. How he works.
  1. No harm in some sinful activities
  2. Pleasure of the world in Christianity.
  3. Evil Companions (**1 Cor 15:33**)

Concl:

1. Satan is crafty and can ruin you (**2 Cor 2:11**)
2. Overcome him (**1 Cor 10:13**).
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christian

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9