

Are Kid's Sports Satan's New Device?

The bible says we are to be alert and constantly aware of our enemy, Satan, because he is looking to destroy our spiritual lives and relationship with God. (1 Peter 5:8) Paul said, "For we are not ignorant of his (Satan's) devices." (2 Cor. 2:11) The devil will stop at nothing and use all of the good things in life to distract us from our service to the Lord. (2 Cor. 11:14) With these things in mind, it is becoming apparently clear that Satan has found a new device to drag families away from faithful service, children's athletics.

First of all, the social and physical benefits of kid's sports is well known. Playing on a team helps develop important life skills as our children grow and become a part of our community. However, as with any activity, without restraint and self-discipline, it can quickly become an obsession.

Fifty years ago, children's athletics were a popular pastime as they are today. But in those days, there was a certain respect for the religious community. Rarely were there practices or games on Sundays or Wednesday nights. Those times were reserved for families to attend church services or other religious activities. Sadly, that is not the case today and Satan is happy.

When Christian parents allow their children to miss bible classes and church services to play sports, those kids are learning that it is OK to place earthly desires over our spiritual service to God. Children need to know that as followers of Jesus, there will be times of sacrifice while living the Christian life. (Eph. 6:1-4) Christian parents, tell your kid's coaches that your children will miss those practices and games during worship times and then invite them to worship with you. It is within your power (with God's help) to defeat Satan at his own game!

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