

1. Busyness

Scheme: Fill the calendar so full there's no margin for spiritual conversations.

Tactic: Sports, travel ball, endless activities, overtime, side hustles.

Lie: "We'll get to it later when things slow down."

Reality: Things rarely slow down without intentional change.

If Satan can't make you bad, he'll make you busy.

2. Outsourcing Discipleship to the Church

Scheme: Convince parents that Sunday school or youth group is enough.

Lie: "That's the church's job."

Truth: The church equips; parents disciple (see Ephesians 4:11–12; 6:4).

Church is reinforcement—not replacement.

3. Parental Insecurity

Scheme: Make parents feel spiritually inadequate.

Lie: "I don't know enough Bible."

Lie: "I'm not spiritual enough."

Lie: "I'll mess it up."

This often silences otherwise faithful parents. But children need authentic faith, not theological experts.

4. Digital Distraction

Scheme: Capture attention through screens.

Tactic: Phones at the table. Endless scrolling. Gaming.

Lie: "This is harmless."

Result: Fewer face-to-face moments where discipleship naturally happens.

The enemy loves glowing screens because they quietly steal formative time.

5. Moral Relativism

Scheme: Blur truth.

Lie: “Let them decide what they believe when they’re older.”

Lie: “Don’t impose your faith.”

But Scripture commands teaching truth intentionally (Proverbs 22:6).

Neutrality is a myth—if you don’t disciple your kids, the world will.

6. Exhaustion

Scheme: Drain parents emotionally and physically.

Tactic: Work stress, conflict, overcommitment.

Lie: “Just survive today.”

Result: Spiritual leadership feels like one more burden instead of a calling.

7. Division in the Home

Scheme: Create marital tension or inconsistent spiritual leadership.

If mom is spiritually serious but dad is passive (or vice versa), children receive mixed signals.

Disunity weakens discipleship momentum.

8. Comfort & Cultural Christianity

Scheme: Replace transformation with tradition.

Lie: “We go to church—that’s enough.”

Result: Faith becomes informational instead of relational.

9. Fear of Hypocrisy

Scheme: Convince parents that because they struggle with sin, they can’t disciple.

Lie: “You’re not consistent enough to lead.”

But modeling repentance is one of the most powerful discipleship tools.

10. Delay

Scheme: “You’ve got plenty of time.”

The enemy works in inches, not explosions. Delay today often becomes regret tomorrow.

The Bigger Strategy

Satan’s overarching goal isn’t just to distract parents—it’s to break generational faithfulness.

God’s design is multi-generational (Psalm 78).

The enemy’s counter-strategy is interruption.

Encouragement for Parents

If you’re thinking about this, that’s already evidence of the Spirit’s work.

Family discipleship doesn’t require:

- Seminary training
- Perfect theology
- Long devotions

It requires:

- Intentional presence
- Gospel conversations
- Prayer
- Consistency