

One of the Devil's jobs is to help keep us in line.



IN A WAY, the Devil is our friendly adversary. He has his own agenda, of course, but even that can serve God's purpose when it helps keep us in line. The Devil can be pretty lenient with his own—or at least he gives that impression to keep them firmly in his grip—but he doesn't let active Christians get away with anything! He's the Accuser of the saints (Revelation 12:10).

The Lord is like a shepherd, we are His sheep, and the Devil and his demons are like sheepdogs. Sheepdogs help the shepherd by keeping the sheep in the flock. They don't bother the sheep as long as the sheep stay together, but if one sheep gets out of line or strays from the shepherd, the sheepdogs bark and yap and nip at the stray sheep's heels to get it to rejoin the flock—and the little sheep runs back to the shepherd real quick!

Stay close to the Lord like a little lamb at the shepherd's side, because if you get out of touch with the Lord, the Devil gets in touch with you! He'll start nipping at your heels, so stay close to the Lord.