

CATCH THE LITTLE FOXES

Song of Songs 2:15 (NASB) ¹⁵ “Catch the foxes for us,
The little foxes that are ruining the vineyards,
While our vineyards are in blossom.”

Song of Songs 2:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ Catch us the foxes,
The little foxes that spoil the vines,
For our vines *have* tender grapes.

So there are foxes running around in vineyards spoiling the blossom and the tender grapes.

This is a very picturesque description which is sandwiched between a very intimate moment. In the verse above the lover stops to look at the face of His beloved and is lost in her beauty and the sweetness of her voice. And in the verse below the Beloved ecstatically declares that her beloved is hers and she is His.

Yet between such tender proclamations of love, the little foxes are introduced so as to sound a note of caution.

Even a perfect love as this can be spoiled by little foxes running around.

Is our relationship with God as transparent and trusting as it was once?

Can God look into our lives and be glad the way we live and worship Him?

Do we still passionately declare , “The Lord is mine and I am His.”

Or have the little foxes come between us.

Are they jumping up and down and spoiling the vines, the tender grapes.

Is the fruit of the Spirit in our life, stifled by insignificant compromises.

Are there little foxes in our lives?

A little bribe, a small flirtation, a rare watching of an x rated movie, a short gambling session on the net, an extra marital affair once, a small lie, wrong company.... the list goes on.

Let us hold our hearts towards the Son and check the foxes that have holed and burrowed inside our hearts.

Let us drive them away so that it may not separate us from the love of Christ.

Let the tender grapes mature and may new wine flow out of our lives making glad the hearts of many.