

Daily Devotional, August 2, 2020

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This verse is a statement of fact about nature, and is here applied to the young maidens of Shulem, but it is also illustrative of a broader principle. It is not the great lion or the fierce bear that spoil the vines. Rather, it is “**the little foxes.**” The brothers of the Shulamite bride affirm that the foxes must be caught in order to preserve the grapes on “**the vines.**”

Let us apply. It is the little things in life that can nag at us and rob us of our peace. We can get irritated at small things, insignificant things, and pet peeves. This can spoil our mood and negatively impact our relationships. Generally, those we live with will bear the brunt of our spoiled vines. And how can we pray in a peaceful close communion with God while “**the little foxes**” are allowed to nag at our vines? Let us resolve today to “**catch us the foxes**” before we continue on with our day. May the “**little foxes**” of life be handled if they have to be, but without profitless dwelling upon them and the resulting loss of peace. May our vines be vines of joy throughout the day, and may our countenance, homes, and everywhere we go be characterized by “**the fruit of the spirit**”, “**love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**” (Galatians 5:22-23). “**Catch us the foxes, The little foxes that spoil the vines, For our vines have tender grapes**” (Song of Solomon 2:15). May your day be blessed in Christ Jesus.