

Victory over little foxes

Timber & Termites—you need the knowledge of finding their entrance points and to continually check this.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;

He comes in to steal the substance of who you are in Christ and the strength of who you are.

Song of Solomon 2:15

Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes
that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.

Who are the foxes and how do they affect us?

Foxes in the natural

- Omnivorous—eat plants, fruit and meat
- Hang in groups or hunt alone
- Stalk their prey like cats
- Search for food at night
- They have good hearing
- Bury their food for later
- Very fast
- Communicate with body language
- Cunning, stealthy, highly opportunistic

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

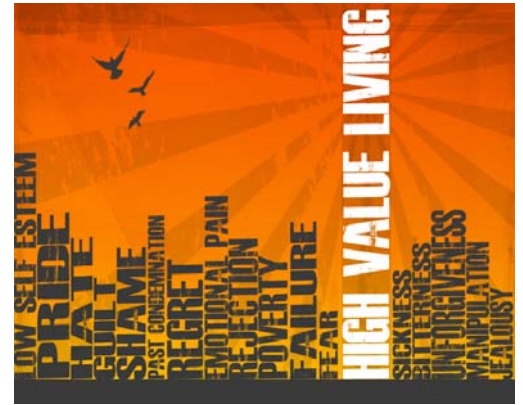
"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Foxes in the spiritual

- Jesus is the Vine
- Father—vine dresser and gardener
- Us—branches
- The goal for Father who created us—is for us to bear much fruit
- Foxes—come to steal anything that will stop us bearing fruit so that we end up with No passion, no joy, no power, no peace
- Fruit that would glorify the father

We need to magnify what the Lord is doing in our life not what the devil is trying to do!!

We need to be strong in the Lord and the power of his might—not our might!



3 BULLETS

1. Abiding in the Lord—hanging out with Jesus

Invite him everywhere—if we are going somewhere we can't invite him maybe we shouldn't go there.

We need to be branches that submit to being pruned—when the Lord is pruning he is so close to us.

James 4:7— Submit to God then resist to the Devil

Focus on scriptures that will help you keep him close:

Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve that God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

[2 Corinthians 10:5](#) We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me Phil 4:13

2. Using the Sword—Word of God

- Cruisy Christian with the Shield and Sword tucked safely in his belt.
 - Christian using Shield of Faith to hold off the devil
 - Christian using Sword of Spirit to attack the devil and winning
- Matt 4:11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him

3. Praise

Praise is not just the 3 fast songs before the 2 slow songs

Praise is a weapon we can use to defeat the devil—All the time if we don't whinge about it

Acts 16—Paul and Silas in Jail—praying and singing hymns to God—supernatural fruit arrived. 2 were praising God—but the effect was felt by all in the jail as all of the chains came off.

Ephesians 6:10-11

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

There are periods in our life (we call Cyclones) but God gives you the supernatural faith to lift you out of that situation

But when all is going good—that is when the foxes can come in and do their stealing of time, relationships etc.

Get priorities in place—

Time for God, Marriage, Family and work

Psalm 90:12 Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.