

● WARM UP

In Song of Solomon 2:15 we read: *“Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes, that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.”*

The proverbially cunning character of the fox is alluded to in the Scriptures. Jesus even referred to King Herod as “that fox” (Luke 13:32), because of his subtle and cunning craftiness.

In times past, naturalists have reported that in the neighbourhood of Bethlehem and elsewhere, steps had to be taken to guard against the inroads of foxes upon the vineyards when the grapes were ripe. It is obvious that King Solomon was referring to this in the above verse. The only way to prevent the little foxes from chewing through the tender vines and eating the grapes was to set traps to catch them.

● READ Proverbs 4:23

● BACKGROUND

Consider in this study some of the “little foxes” that subtly creep into our lives and ruin the “vineyard”.

All big failures had little beginnings! - So did big foxes start off as “little foxes”.

It’s so easy to just nibble your way into lostness! That’s why the Bible says, *“Keep your heart with all diligence. For out of it spring the issues of life.”* The Living Bible puts it this way: *“Above all else, guard your affections. For they influence everything else in your life.”*

● QUESTIONS

- 1 Are there any “little foxes” lurking in the shadows of your life? Discuss with sensitivity and caution.
- 2 Read and reflect on Proverbs 28:13. Are there any concealed areas where “little foxes” might be taking refuge?

3 Consider Jesus’ words in Mark 11:25-26. What do you see here as being a “little fox” that could grow into a “bigger fox” and hinder your prayers and the flow of the Spirit in your life?

4 What did the psalmist David mean in Psalm 101:3-4? How would you set a trap to catch this cunning “little fox” before it grows bigger and catches you? (See also Matthew 5:28.)

● CONSIDER THIS

Other “little foxes” to consider:

- Telling little white lies (Hey! All lies are black)
- Dishonesty in submitting income tax returns
- Inappropriate flirtation at the office
- Keeping secrets from your spouse
- Breaking speed limits when no one is watching (Consider Romans chapter 13)
- Refusing to walk in new revealed light because of the challenge being too hard

Men of integrity are those who always do the right thing even when no one is looking, and even when it hurts to do so. Let’s set a watch upon our eyes and lips and position as many traps as possible to catch the “little foxes” before they grow any bigger and catch us!

What is God saying to me?

● LET’S PRAY

● REAL LIFE STORIES OF GOD’S POWER



I had had a nasal problem for some 30 years. I used to get terrible pain every day. I went to one of Bill’s meetings and he called me up in particular. The next day I realised the pain had gone. Doctors [had] said that I would have to have an operation. I found that the nasal part of my nose had been completely straightened. From that day to this all the pain has gone and my nose is completely normal. George

