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Little Foxes That Spoil The Vine- PART 2

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Little Foxes

Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil
the vines: for our vines *have* tender grapes.

Song of Solomon 2:15



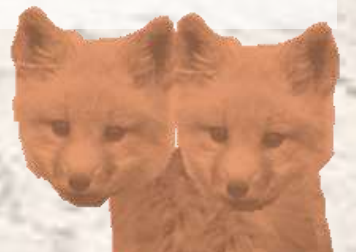
Little Foxes

Double-Mindedness



Double-Mindedness

James 1:1-4 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; **Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.**



Double-Mindedness

James 1:5-8 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, **nothing wavering**. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. **A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.**



Double-Mindedness

Matthew 6:19-24 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. **The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

Double-Mindedness

Mark 9:23-24 Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.** And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, **Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.**

Hebrews 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Double-Mindedness

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, **God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.**

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Double-Mindedness

Luke 3:21-22 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Luke 7:18-20 And the disciples of John shewed him of all these things. And John calling *unto him* two of his disciples sent *them* to Jesus, saying, **Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?** When the men were come unto him, they said, **John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?**

Luke 7:28 For I say unto you, **Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist:** but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

Double-Mindedness

- Is what I am asking according to His will?

1 John 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

- Are my attitude and life in tune with the will of God?

1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

- Are my motives self-centered or God-centered?

James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

Double-Mindedness

- Hear and Do

James 1:21-25 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Galatians 5:16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Double-Mindedness

- Hear and Do

Luke 11:27-28 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed *is* the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. [Notice Christ responded with another perspective:]But he said, Yea rather, blessed *are* they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Double-Mindedness

- Hear and Do

Matthew 7:24-27 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, **and doeth them**, I will liken him unto a **wise man**, which built his house **upon a rock**: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and **it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock**. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a **foolish man**, which built his house upon the **sand**: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; **and it fell: and great was the fall of it.**

Double-Mindedness

- Hear and Do

Hebrews 2:1-4 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*; God also bearing *them* witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?



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Double-Mindedness



• DOUBLE-MINDED •

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Psalms 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

The background of the entire image is a photograph of several foxes in a natural, rocky environment. The foxes are mostly reddish-brown with white underparts. One fox is in the foreground on the left, looking towards the camera. Another is in the center, slightly behind the first. A third is on the right, looking towards the camera. A fourth is in the background, partially obscured. The text is overlaid on this background.

Little Foxes

BAD COMPANY



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The background of the entire slide is a photograph of several foxes in a natural, outdoor setting. The foxes are reddish-brown with white chests and faces. They are looking towards the camera, and their fur appears soft and detailed. The lighting is natural, suggesting daylight.

**1 Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.
34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your shame.**

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“One is when a friend, whether same-sex or opposite, becomes your main confidant. That kind of sharing is what builds true and deep intimacy. Thus, when you confide your concerns and fears, your hopes and dreams, your struggles and temptations with a friend to the exclusion of your spouse, you forge your strongest bonds of intimacy with the friend.”

(Jeannette and Robert Lauer, from the Marriage Partnership article “With Friends Like These”)

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“Another way in which friends can hurt your marriage is when they consume too much of your discretionary time. Couple time —the time you spend together, connecting with each other and nurturing your relationship —is a premium for most of us. Friends who expect or demand so much of your time that they deprive you of couple time are foes to your marriage.”

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Dead Little Foxes

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FRIENDS

Can't Spoil The Vine

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Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always 'me first,' doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end."

Little Foxes

INGRATITUDE



YEAH, WHATEVER.



They should be
thanking ME!



I DESERVE IT ALL ANYWAYS!

INGRATITUDE

Ephesians 5:20-21 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Ephesians 5:24-25 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let the wives be* to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence *her* husband.



INGRATITUDE

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

IDENTIFYING THIS LITTLE FOX OF INGRATITUDE:

- You seldom or never say “Thank you” or show appreciation
- You seldom or never reciprocate.
- They are invisible. You don’t “see” them anymore
- make everything and everyone else a priority



INGRATITUDE

- Reveals pride, self-sufficiency, self-satisfaction and self-love, Lack of thanks toward God spawns additional sins of ingratitude, 2 Tim 3:1-5
- Ugly sin of human pride, wisdom, indulgence and calloused heart, Rom 1:21; 2 Tim 3:2
- “Counting our many blessings” acknowledges God as the Giver and ourselves as recipients, Psa 103:1-5

INGRATITUDE

An unthankful and complaining spirit is an abiding sin against God, and a cause of almost continual unhappiness; and yet how common such a spirit is. How prone we seem to be to forget the good that life knows, and remember and brood over its evil – to forget its joys, and think only of its sorrows – to forget thankfulness, and remember only to complain.

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INGRATITUDE

Deuteronomy 6:10-12 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, And houses full of all good *things*, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; **Then beware lest thou forget the LORD**, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

INGRATITUDE

Acts 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

James 4:15 For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

Cultivating a Thankful Heart

Philippians 4:6-8 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

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Cultivate habit of giving thanks in everything

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Isaiah 5:7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

Isaiah 5:4a What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? ...

Cultivating a Thankful Heart

Cultivate habit of giving thanks in everything

John 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

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