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Isaiah 5:3 – 4

The Song of the Vineyard.

“And now, o inhabitants of Jerusalem... judge, I pray you, between me and My vineyard. What more could I have done in it? Why, when I looked for it to bring forth grapes, it brought forth wild grapes?” Isaiah 5:3 – 4

The song of the vineyard continues... And the second verse is as sad as the first. The Vinedresser laments, “What more could I have done?” After all of the preparations and labor... after all the care given... the vinedresser appears to finally conclude that there is nothing else He can do for this vineyard that is set upon producing wild grapes.

It is one thing for the Lord to make such a statement – “What more could I have done?” But we must be careful lest we offer such an indictment too soon – He has all the facts and we don’t!

However, there does come a time in our lives where it would be wise to cut our losses and start fresh. In ministry, there are certain folks – wild grapes – that will waste all of your time and resources. “What more could I do?” Such people, in effect, are robbing from you and others who genuinely desire and want your help. It is a tough decision, but there are times such a decision must be made.

The Lord also calls us to be fruit inspectors. When given opportunities to produce fruit, if nothing is forth coming, we too, as did the Master Vinedresser, say, “What more can I do?” “You shall know them by their fruits.” (Matthew 7:16)

Learn to be patient. Learn to pray through. Learn to inspect fruit. Learn to hear the Master’s voice. Sing on.

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