

# ***SOUR ATTITUDE IN A SWEET VINEYARD***



*"I don't mind working in this Vineyard. But why has the Master stuck me in this boring corner?"*

It's slim picking here.

It's lonely.

No one seems to appreciate what I'm doing.

I'm not sure how long I can go on in this desolate place."

And if the Master moved you to a more "interesting" and "challenging" part of his Vineyard, would you do better work---with a better attitude?

Chances are your attitude would turn any part of the Vineyard into a dry place.

***"If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.***

***As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."***

*John 15:7-11*

**Whatever work you have been given to do,**



**Wherever you have been placed by the Lord's mercy,**

**He will accomplish through you an eternal work....**

.... if you abide in his love,

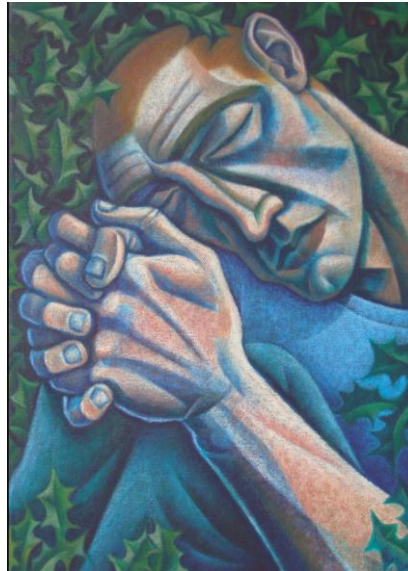
.... if you allow his joy to rule your heart.

Where he places you is up to the Master.

**How you function in that place is up to you!**

***"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it."***

*John 14:12-14*



*Prayer: Lord, help us to let go of these sour attitudes that make us bitter, that hinder our work, that hinder our vision, and that separate us from you. Draw us close so we can abide in your love and be filled with joy and vision about what we can accomplish even in the darkest, dryest, and loneliest of corners. Help us to take up the work with sweet attitudes, with faith, with gusto, and with fervent prayers fully expecting our work to bear fruit because you are there with us. Amen.*

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