

The Disciple And Spiritual Dogs And Hogs

Matthew 7:6

Intro:

- A. **We know that God loves the world.**
 - 1. "For God so loved the world..."
 - 2. "that He gave His only begotten Son..."

- B. **We know that God will have all men to be saved.**
 - 1. "...not willing that any should perish..."
2 Peter 3:9
 - 2. "who will have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:3-4

- C. **We are to witness to all men.**
 - 1. "...and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."
Acts 1:8
 - 2. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations..."
Matthew 28:19

- D. **We know that all men will not be saved.**
 - 1. There are those who, "believe not". John 3:36
 - 2. There are, "few there be that find it."
Matthew 7:14

- E. **How shall we do what our Lord commands?**
 - 1. This is not a take it or leave it statement.
 - 2. We must attempt to do it.

I. The Plain Statement Of Jesus.

- A. **"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs..." v.6**
 - 1. give not = δίδωμι = "to give freely," "commit"
 - 2. holy = αγιος = "sacred and clean."
 - 3. "you must never give the things that are sacred to the dogs" - Wms.
 - 4. dogs = κυων = "dogs"
 - 5. What is the "holy" and what are the "dogs"?

- B. **"neither cast ye your pearls before swine,"**

1. cast = βαλλω = "to throw at or hit."
2. "You must never throw your pearls before hogs." Wms
3. What are "pearls" and what are "swine".

C. **Why?**

1. "lest they trample them under their feet"
2. "and turn again and rend you."
3. trample = καταπατεω = "to tread down"
4. rend = ρηγνυμι = "to break," "shatter"

II. What Did Jesus Mean?

A. **This seems to fit the concept of the Jewish proverb.**

1. "He that reproveth a scorner" Proverbs 9:7-8
2. "He that rebuketh a wicked man..."
3. "Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee..."

B. **Men and nations may cross a line that God has set and only God can see.**

1. "Ephraim is joined to idols: Let him alone."
2. The Pharisees. Matthew 15:10-14

C. **Jesus spoke of those who will not hear and will not see.**

1. Matthew 13:13-16
2. Sending forth the 12. Matthew 10:5-15
3. Sending forth the 70. Luke 10:1-12

D. **Paul and Barnabas encountered some who contradicted and blasphemed God's word.**

1. contradicting = αντιλεγω = "to speak against"
2. unworthy = not αξιος = worth, value Acts 13:44-46
3. vs. 50-51

III. Some Things To Consider.

A. **We should witness to all men.**

1. Those who show interest.
2. Those who may not show anger.

B. **We should be faithful and lovingly patient with those who show interest.**

1. Once is not enough, usually.

2. God is longsuffering. We can be the same.

C. **You have pearls.**

1. There are dogs.
2. There are swine.
3. You don't need to do more than Jesus said to do. You cannot love more than He.

