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 = διδώμι = “to give freely,” “commit”
   2. holy = αγιός = “sacred and clean.”
   3. “you must never give the things that are
      sacred to the dogs” - Wms.
   4. dogs = κυνοι = “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 scorning Proverbs 9:7-8
2. “He that rebuketh a wicked man…”
3. “Reprove not a scorning, 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

D. Paul and Barnabas encountered some who contradicted and blasphemed God’s word.
1. contradicting = ανιλεγω = “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.