

Matthew's Gospel "The Sermon On The Mount"
"Dogs And Pigs"
Matthew 7:6
Part 37

Matthew 7:1-20 The Christian and Relationships

We will look at 3 areas:

1. Defining:
2. Witnessing:
3. Understanding:

1. Defining:

Matthew 7:6

"Do not give what is holy to dogs,

Dogs – In Jesus day were, "wild scavengers, considered fierce, and dangerous. They would roam from place to place, sometimes in packs scouring thru garbage to eat, commonly found in the garbage dumps."

2 Kings 9:32-37

Psalm 22:16

Isaiah 56:10-11

Philippians 3:2

Mark 7:27

Swine – "were partially domesticated and partially wild creatures. They were derived from the European wild boar. Nothing like our domesticated pigs."

Leviticus 11:7

Mark 5:1-20

2 Peter 2:22

What do the Dogs and Pigs Represent?

Dogs - are violent, and wild. The people who violently opposed to the Gospel Message. (Incurably ungodly)

Pigs – are unclean, these are people that have no desire for purity or change. They like the spiritual pigpen they are in.

2. Witnessing:

Matthew 7:6

"Do not give what is holy the term holy - something that was "sacred, something that had been set apart for special purpose."

So what is holy? The Gospel Message, The Message of Salvation, The Good News.

And do not throw your pearls before swine – pearls – "that which is precious, priceless, of great value, a treasure."

Matthew 13:45-46

Pearls - The teachings of the kingdom, the priceless principles of Gods Word.

People that fall into the category of Dogs and Pigs, We are not to give them -

Luke 9:4-5

Acts 13

Acts 18

Being able to discern is a mark of maturity.

Philippians 1:9-10

John 4:3-30

Luke 23:3-5

Luke 23:6-12

John 3:1-21

Matthew 15:14

Jude 22-23

2 John 10-11; Galatians 1:8-9

3. Understanding:

Matthew 7:6

2 Peter 2:22

2 Corinthians 5:17

Proverbs 9:8 "Do not reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you, reprove a wise man, and he will love you."

Nature will determine all, old nature, or new nature!

Application:

How to approach people:

1. We should not witness the same way to everyone.
2. Ask the Lord what approach you should use!
3. Look for what might be offensive.
4. Give the non-believer the doctrine of Justification by Faith Only.