

How To Handle Hogs, Hounds And Holy Things

Matthew 7:1-6 –

1. "Do not judge, or you too will be judged.
2. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.
3. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?
4. How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?
5. You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.
6. "Do not give dogs (Hounds) what is sacred (hag'-ee-os- Holy) do not throw your pearls (Holy things) to pigs (Hogs). If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces.

I. Who are the dogs and pigs?

1. They treat the gospel with scorn and contempt!

"...they may trample them under their feet..."

2. They treat the people of God the same way!

"...then turn and tear you to pieces."

II. How can we do that if Jesus doesn't allow us to judge?

Mt.7:15-20

15. "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.
16. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?
17. Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
18. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.
19. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
20. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

III. How should we respond to them?

1. Walk away from the conversation!

2. Pray for them!

A. Pray that God would open their eyes to recognize the truth of Jesus and soften their hearts to accept it.

B. Pray that God would put people into their path that they will listen to.

C. Pray for God to send to them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation as well as Sonship and adoption.

Eph. 1:17 - I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Rom. 8:15 - For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship (kjv-adoption). And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

D. Pray for God to remove the blinders from their eyes and draw them.

2 Cor. 4:4 - The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Jn. 6:44 - "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.

Draw = (hel-koo'-o) "drag"

E. Pray that you will be able to see the fruit of your prayers.

III. How can we judge correctly?

1. Harsh hypocritical judging based on spiritual arrogance is wrong, Period!

2. Remember that the blood of Jesus was spilled for them too so that they might experience His grace!

Mt. 7:7-11

7. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

8. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

9. "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10. Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

11. If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Mt. 7:21-24

21. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'

23. Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

24. "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.