

This morning, we learned about judging, or judgment:

Is it ok to judge someone? To correct them, tell them that they're doing something wrong? Or commend them when they're doing something right! Should we stand upon and declare what is Biblically right and what is Biblically wrong?

Are you right to take Biblical stands/moral positions publicly/openly on what is right and in accordance with God's revealed will, and on what is wrong and against God's Holy Word/His revealed will?

You are (absolutely) right to do so! When you do, you need to be ready to be able to explain yourself, "in meekness, to instruct those that oppose themselves"

And as we also learned this morning from Matthew 7, we are to take heed HOW we personally judge others by what we see and perceive outwardly of them.

We are NOT to judge according to appearance, but we are to judge righteously.

And...don't forget that we are not to always be on the springboard of judging the faults and sins of others; but we must first and foremost keep our eyes on ourselves. (First look in the mirror)

But when God does put us in a situation in which we would go to someone to tell them their fault; we must do it in meekness. Galatians 6:1

That brings us to (V6): "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you:

The Lord Jesus instructs us in those times when you do go to someone with the Word, to correct, help, and restore them, but they refuse (even your meek and gentle) admonition, and they trample on you for coming to them.

The Lord Jesus here commands us in wisdom on how we are to behave toward recalcitrant and incorrigible persons.

Recalcitrant: Obstinate uncooperative toward authority/discipline.

Incorrigible: One who will not be corrected or reformed.

Don't cast your pearls (the precious truths of the Word) before them, for they will trample the good Word of God under their feet!

You may not know that they are dogs or swine until AFTER you've spoken the gospel of Christ to them! Once you've had the regrettable experience of them trampling the Word and you; give them no more opportunities to do so. Hebrews 10:28-31

So here, (V6), the Lord us teaching us that we MUST be able to JUDGE and DISCRIMINATE between persons to whom we will endeavor to correct and help, and those to whom we will NOT go to and admonish and/or correct.

It's highly offensive to God to have His Word trampled on and disrespected, and to have His love, patience, and longsuffering treated with contempt, in that He would send one of His servants to one who is a lost hell-bound sinner to testify of the good news of Jesus Christ and Him crucified!

Pilate and the chief priests and elders: Matthew 27:11-14, Herod: Luke 23:8-11, The blasphemous Jews: Acts 13:44-46, 18:5-6.

Let us learn from these examples to NOT cast our pearls before those who judge themselves unworthy of everlasting life!

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, Proverbs 9:7-9, 15:12, 23:9, 29:1, Matthew 15:10-14