

## “DONT THROW YOUR PEARLS TO PIGS”

Matthew 7:6

Series: “Revolutionary Living: The Sermon on the Mount”

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

In our study of the Sermon on the Mount, we’re stopping for three weeks on Matthew 7:1-12. Last week we introduced this three-part lesson where Jesus instructs us, “Do not judge.”

Here is the outline of these twelve verses:

INTRO: THEME DO NOT JUDGE (v. 1-2)

- I. When a brother has a blind spot (speck in the eye) (v. 3-5)
- II. When the unholy won’t respect you (pearls before pigs) (v. 6)
- III. When God seems distant (son and a snake) (v. 7-11)

CONCLUSION: THE GOLDEN RULE (v.12)

Last week we discussed what to do when brother has blind spot. This week: When someone refuses to listen to the Gospel message. We focus on just one verse today:

***[Mat 7:6 NIV] 6 "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces."***

### **I. THE HIDDEN ENCOURAGEMENT: YOU HAVE SOMETHING SACRED**

**A. Jesus says you are holding onto something sacred.**

**B. Jesus and his disciples often referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ as a treasure.**

**C. It is the most valuable message in the world.**

It offers three things the world cannot offer:

- 1) forgiveness of sins
- 2) eternal life
- 3) purpose for living

**D. Jesus has given you the privileged task of managing this treasure.**

**E. He values you! He trusts you! Steward this treasure well!**

## **II. THE COMMON PROBLEM: SOME PEOPLE REJECT THE MESSAGE**

**A. Do you have someone in your life like Ron Hall's father?**

**B. Jesus says they treat sacred thing like a wild hog treats pearls.**

(We know something about wild hogs!)

**C. They trample, turn, tear.**

## **III. THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION:**

### **A. STOP JUDGING (V. 1: Don't judge...)**

Consider the common reasons people harden their hearts:

1) Wounds from the past. A hard heart is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

2) Fear of change.

[Jhn 3:19 NIV] 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

### **B. STOP PREACHING (V. 6: Don't throw your pearls to pigs)**

There is a time to quit badgering or you'll only help harden their heart.

NOTE: Not forever! Keep praying!

When they're trampling the sacred, turning on you, tearing you, stop preaching.

### **C. DON'T STOP \_\_\_\_\_. (V. 12 – The Golden Rule)**

***[Mat 7:12 NIV] 12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.***

If they were trying to convince you of something you disagreed with and you communicated you were tired of hearing it, how would you want to be treated?

(NOTE: Sometimes we must love from a distance to avoid being torn to pieces. See Jesus' actions toward his mother and brothers, Mt. 12:49-50. Wait till you're

strong enough to not be “torn to pieces,” or their heart changes, before you love them up close.)

**CONCLUSION:**

Don't be the hard-hearted person. It's not too late to change. Jesus loves you. He died for you. He is offering forgiveness, eternal life, and meaning to this life. Take courage and have faith.

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts...” (Heb. 3:15)