

Pigs, Pearls and Puppies  
Matthew 7:6

Matthew 7:1-5 (HCSB)

“Do not judge, so that you won’t be judged. For with the judgment you use, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye but don’t notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and look, there’s a log in your eye? Hypocrite! First take the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”

Verse 6 - “Don’t give what is holy to dogs or toss your pearls before pigs, or they will trample them with their feet, turn, and tear you to pieces.”

I. Gospel Truth is Great Treasure



Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure, buried in a field, that a man found and reburied. Then in his joy he goes and sells everything he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

Psalms 119: 14, 72, 127, 162 (NIV)

I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. Instruction from Your lips is better for me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. Because I love your commands more than gold, more than pure gold. I rejoice in your promise like one who finds great spoil.

II. Some people hate the Gospel and those who share it.

John 15:18-21 (NIV)

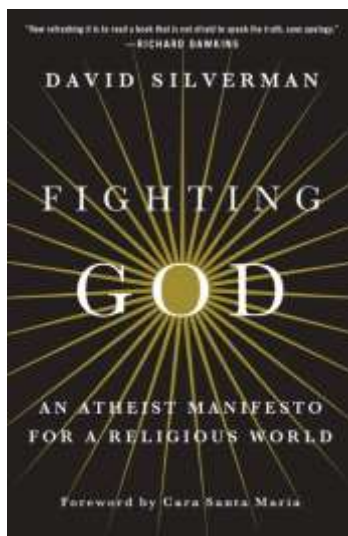
"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me."

III. Be Careful not to Waste Spiritual Treasure

Proverbs 23:9 (NIV)

Do not speak to a fool, for he will scorn the wisdom of your words.

- The Message will be Rejected



- The Messenger will be Assaulted

IV. Invest the Treasure where it Pays Dividends

John 4:35 (NIV)

"Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."