

Mt.7.1-6 “Balance, Dogs, & Swine” part 3
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The RIGHT BALANCE vv.5b–6

The person who has the mind & attitude of the kingdom citizen is:

poor in spirit,

humble, &

who hungers & thirsts for God’s righteousness (5.3, 5–6)—

will be the person who first of all sees & mourns over his own sin (5.4).

Jesus here gives the corrective to the wrong kind of judgment

All confrontation of sin in others must be done out of meekness, not pride:

We cannot play the role of judge— _____

We cannot play the role of superior— _____

We must not play the hypocrite— _____

The first danger is concluding: we have no right to oppose wrong doctrine (Orthodoxy) or wrong practices (Orthopraxy).

We will then not be willing to confront a sinning brother as the Lord clearly calls to do.

The second danger will become more & more in danger of corruption.

Believers must be discerning & make proper judgment when it is required.

Jesus shatters the notion that we are never to oppose wrong or correct wrongdoers.

“Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine.” To obey that command; it is obviously necessary to be able to determine who are dogs and swine.

Swine were considered by Jews to be the epitome of uncleanness.

Certain truths & blessings of our faith are not to be shared with people who are totally antagonistic to the things of God.

After Jesus rose from the dead He showed Himself to no one who was not a believer.

Dogs & swine represent those who, refuse to have anything to do with the holy & things of God

There will be times when the Gospel we present is absolutely rejected & ridiculed

We are to trust that somehow God’s Spirit can penetrate their hearts—

The believer does not condemn, but rather is able to recognize an already self-condemned person.

CONCLUSION:

We must take the command seriously & do our best to obey it, because it is the Lord’s will.

We may be inclined to be self-righteous & judgmental we need to depend on the Lord

We go on our way not in self-satisfied judgment but in great disappointment & sorrow—

To avoid wrongful judging & to accomplish right discernment is to be marked as a citizen of the heavenly kingdom.