



## *Pastor's Comments*

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### **Don't Cast Pearls**

This Sunday, November 13 at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., our church will begin studying the **16th** of the **49 "Commands of Christ"** which is "**Don't Cast Pearls.**" Jesus commanded, "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." (Matthew 7:6).

I welcome you to join us in this study. The primary point of Jesus' command is that we cannot give that which is holy to one whose very nature has no comprehension or appreciation for holy things. Simply **giving holy things to unholy people will not make those individuals holy.** They must first come to **repentance for their sins**, then their hearts and their **spirits will be reborn** and they will be **given the holy nature of God.** This will allow them to understand and appreciate spiritual things. If we were to throw pearls to pigs they would assume the pearls were given to satisfy their natural appetites. When they realize that they were misled by our attention to them and failure to fulfill their expectations, they will trample the pearls and turn to attack us. Scripture reveals that **the response of a fool is parallel to the actions of swine.** "Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words" (Proverbs 23:9). We are instructed "**Go from the presence of a foolish man**, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge" (Proverbs 14:7).

Christ's final command was "Go... and teach all nations... **to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you**" (Matthew 28:19-20). Our objective is to learn and to obey all **49 commands of Christ!** Jesus promised, "If ye **keep my commandments**, ye shall abide in my love..." (John 15:10).

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