



The Tweet? - Matthew 5:28 (67 Characters)

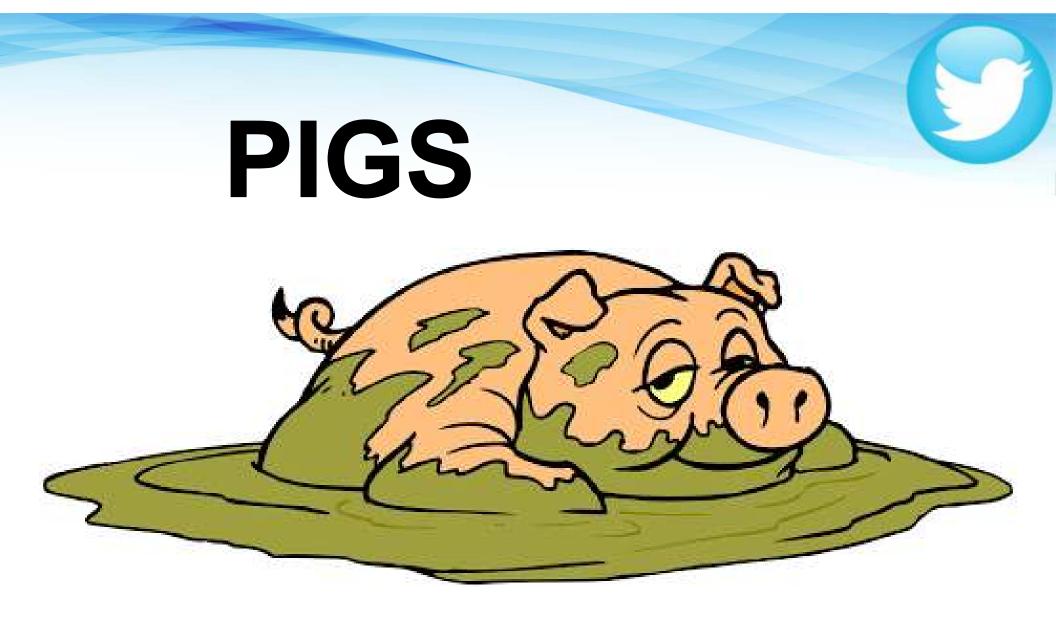
"Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs."



Why is it Here?



The wrong application is a HUGE issue because it is so anti-Jesus in its message and gives Christians the appearance of being self-righteous, judgmental, and hateful people







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Lost Control



PEARLS



Sacred Items

"If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces."

WRONG Application



First note, this is not a parable as some try to make it



This is an object lesson, and yes there is a difference



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Followme!

- The pearl and "that which is sacred" = "the church"
- The pigs and dogs = People that are not a "Christian" or "lost"
- Our Application = Keep people that are not living the right kind of life out of the church lest they trample the church and take advantage of the church by biting the hand that is ministering to them

Protect the Church



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This application causes us to see threats, not opportunities

This application has ripped the very heart from the church

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"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

The four applications

- **1. Narrow and Wide Gate**
- 2. True and false prophets
- **3. True and False Disciples**
- 4. Wise and Foolish Home builders



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Defined: perception in the absence of judgment with a view to obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding.

Live Smart



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- Wise and Foolish Home builders:
- Followme! The foundation we choose to build our life on

