

"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 KJV



Dogs and hogs have one thing in common, food. Their whole life revolves around pleasing their belly. They will dig through piles of refuse to get one morsel. Cast anything but food in front of hungry hogs they'll trample it and tear it apart looking for any bit that will satisfy. They will utterly destroy pearls to get a single crust of bread! Wicked men are no different. Greed defines their conduct. They grasp claw, and hoard everything they can get their hands on. The method of procurement matters little. In the

words of a late millionaire when asked, "How much is enough?" He replied, "Just a little more." Driven by greed and lust, they prey upon the poor and needy. *"Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things."* Who mostly buys lottery tickets? It's those who least can afford it. It hinges on greed and false hope. It's just another scheme devised by rich greedy men to get "just a little more." Don't bother being "pals" or "buddy's" with evil. It's like having a pet snake. Its character never changes. A man had a boa constrictor as a pet. The snake grew and became larger because he cared for it. One day they discovered the man lying in his back yard in the snake's cage with the boa wrapped tightly around him, dead. A snake is always a snake. They'll turn on you as soon as it's convenient. They may seem nice, but *"inwardly they are ravening wolves. As he thinketh in his heart so is he."* Give them the Gospel, yes, but God's Word says we are not to strike bargains with them. *"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."* Don't put your light under a bushel. Stand up for Truth. You can't *"walk together except you be agreed."* You'll either be hated or loved, and that is exactly what happened to your Saviour. You say, "I don't want to offend anyone!" An atheist, one of the magicians of team "Penn and Teller," remarked, "I have no respect for believers who don't proselytize." It may cause someone a little discomfort to shove them from in front of a Mac truck, but they'll thank you for it. If you don't believe it enough to warn others what good is it to anyone?

The precious things God gives to us,
The wicked look on with disgust,
So keep yourself from evil friends,
And have no fellowship with them. ~CGP

We emulate those with which we fellowship and admire. Good apples do not improve the condition of the rotten ones. It only takes one bad apple to ruin the whole barrel. It only takes one false believer to ruin an Assembly. Don't let it be you.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate," saith the Lord, 'and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters,' saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 KJV