



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 7: 6, 12-14

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not give what is holy to dogs, or throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them underfoot, and turn and tear you to pieces.

"Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.

This is the Law and the Prophets.

"Enter through the narrow gate;

for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many.

How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life.

And those who find it are few."

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus' words are rather harsh as He cautions His disciples about giving what is holy and good to those who are hostile towards it, namely, the enemies of the Gospel. Proclaiming the Gospel will not always be easy nor received with good will. As He teaches elsewhere, there are times when shaking the dust off of the messengers' feet and walking away may be in order. All of those who have accepted the Gospel must appreciate the jewel that it is and strive to live its mandates to the fullest. Slackers and those who always seek the easy or comfortable way have no place in the Kingdom.

Food for your Journey

I am a disciple of Christ. I will not let up, look back or slow down. My past is redeemed, my future secure. I am done with low living, small planning, smooth knees, mundane talking and small goals. My fate is set; my goal is sure! My road is narrow and rough. I am a disciple of Christ. I must go until he comes, speaking of all I know of him and work until he stops me.

—The final journal entry of an unknown Zimbabwean pastor, who was martyred for his faith.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Only You have the words of everlasting life. Help me to witness to Your words, perhaps less with my lips and more so with my actions. May I live and love as You lived and love. Amen