

- Review / Introduction:** **We should not judge unrighteous...
 **It is self destructive... *Romans 2:1*
 **We should show mercy... *James 4:11-12*
 **We must deal with ourselves first...
 **Avoid thinking better of ourselves than we do of others...

I. We Are Called to Exercise Discretion...

A. The context of Jesus words...

B. The meaning of the words Jesus used...

1. Dogs... *I Samuel 17:43; 24:14; cf. Revelation 22:15*

2. Pigs... *Isaiah 65:4; 66:3*

Not flattering terms *II Peter 2:22*

3. Things holy... set apart for the service of God...

4. Pearls... Treasure... *see Matthew 13:45-46*

Observations to help interpret the text:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Lesson: Christians should recognize the realities of life...not everyone is a believer... *Matthew 10:14; Proverbs 23:9*

II. Examples from the Scripture Where Such Discretion was Exercised...

A. In the ministry of Jesus... Before Herod Antipas... **Luke 23: 9**

B. With the Apostles...

1. *Matthew 10:14 with Luke 9:5*
2. *Acts 13:45-46, 51*
3. *Acts 18:6-7*

“We should not try to force our message on those who show no inclination to accept it.” Leon Morris

C. Two Common Traits...

1. They’ve heard and emphatically rejected the Gospel
2. They’ve become hostile to it...

Application: 1.

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