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**3) When faced with hardened opposition v 6**

*v 6 “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls before pigs. If you do they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces.”*

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See Mt 13:46 - pearl of great price

... This pearl should not be offered to those who persistently reject it and have hardened their hearts towards it.

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**4) In trust, petition your loving Father v7-11****Flow of the argument**

Therefore keep asking, seeking, knocking because (v 11) God gives good gifts.

**5) The Golden Rule – v 12**

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the law and prophets.”

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**For us today**

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**Work hard at godly obedience in your own life**

**2. Don't live in isolation from each other... graciously encourage and support one another in godly obedience.**

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