

## Deacon's Beacons

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“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:37–38

There is an awful lot to unpack here. First, we all need to step back from making judgments. It seems to have become part of our culture to judge someone with whom we disagree or of whom we disapprove. We do not have to condone things that we find objectionable but neither may we judge or condemn those who do them. The second part speaks of giving. At this festive time of the year, it seems to be easier to give. But should that not be the case all year around? Why must we have the social pressure of Christmas to open our hearts and our wallets? Jesus did not make this commandment seasonal. He meant it for all time.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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