## Deacon's Beacons

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Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. James 1:17–18

Good gifts are from God. Others come from other sources like the devil. But those that help us and build us up are heavenly in origin. We must be careful to see that sometimes gifts that are attractive are meant to draw us away from God. What is the purpose of that gift? Is it for the betterment of ourselves and others or is it to use others for our own benefit? There is no wrong in gifts benefitting us as long as the ultimate outcome does not mean the detriment of others.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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