

Deacon's Beacons

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Through him then let us continually offer up God sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind. Hebrews 13:15-16

The random verse generator only offered the first verse. When I sought the context, I saw that it cannot be understood (or maybe can be easily misunderstood) without the following verse. So I added it. The praise that we give God is a wonderful thing. But we must remember a few things. First, God has no need of our praises. And second, we cannot love God if we do not love our neighbor. Over and over again, that is stressed in the Scriptures. They are inseparable. We cannot claim that we love God and that we have faith in Him and then turn around and treat our neighbor with disrespect. And who is our neighbor? Jesus was asked that very question in Luke's Gospel at the point at which the Greatest Commandment was being discussed. The answer did not please the crowd. A Samaritan was not whom they thought was their neighbor. Jesus has other ideas.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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