## Deacon's Beacons

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And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:9–10

At first glance, this sounds like we should give special treatment to our brothers and sisters in faith. That would imply that we owe a lesser diligence to others. But we know that cannot be true. A closer reading reveals that. Just look at the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The most unlikely suspect is the hero of the story. Jesus illustrates that our neighbor may not look like us or worship like us or believe like us. That does not make that person any less our neighbor or any less owed proper deference and love. When Jesus said, "Love one another," He was not limiting it to your own little circle.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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