

Deacon's Beacons

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Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Philippians 4:8

Out of context, this sounds odd. But it is part of an entire exhortation that Paul offers to the people of Philippi. He is calling them to embrace the goodness of the Gospel message and to do it joyfully. Being steadfast and joyous are the best tools for evangelization. No one wants to hear from a dour crank about how good God is. They want to see that joy displayed. They want to see behavior that reflects a commitment to the Gospel. People need to find the message attractive before they will accept it. Maybe the message is challenging but challenge can be embraced with joy. Be that kind of ambassador for Christ.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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