

Deacon's Beacons

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Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. 1 John 2:15-17

Now, let us be sure we understand thus properly. This is not saying that you cannot enjoy the things of this world. It is saying that you must not make them more important than God. It is easy to begin to worship things and be more concerned about what you have than how you live. But that does not mean that you must live an ascetic life, eschewing all pleasures. God created the world to be enjoyed. To do otherwise denies the goodness of Creation. We see the glory of God in a sunshiny day, in a gentle breeze, in time spent with family and friends. To go and live in a cave is not necessarily the way to find God. Sometimes God is most present in fellowship.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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