

Deacon's Beacons

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“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:37-38

We are supposed to stand up against sin. But the delicate balance is that we never have the right to condemn someone or to judge them. Look at the woman caught in adultery in Chapter 8 of John's Gospel. Jesus is asked to condemn her based on Mosaic Law. But He does not. Instead He challenges those accusing her to look at themselves. We need to do the same thing. Yes, we can become righteously indignant about something that happens. But unless we are totally sinless, we better not be judging. On the other hand, this does not mean that we have to accept something just because society says it is fine when we know in the depths of our souls that it is not. But we cannot become judgmental and condemning. That leads only to discord and we can never win hearts through discord.

Resurrexit sicut dixit!

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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