

Deacon's Beacons

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If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:1–3

This is the “preamble” to St. Paul’s famous dissertation on the nature of love. The point he is making here is arguably more important than the characteristics that he outlines. What he is saying is that, without love, anything else that we do is for naught. Simple observances are sterile without love. You can be the most powerful person around but, if you do not have love, it counts for nothing. Love is the means, the end and the purpose of all that we do. If it is not, then we need to reexamine our lives.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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