

Deacon's Beacons

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Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:12–14

If the "other" is not more important to you then you have missed the essential point of being a Christian. The plight of the other must be of concern to you. You cannot dismiss the sufferings of others because it does not affect you directly. St. Paul tells us that we must have compassionate hearts. If we ignore what others are going through, does that portray compassion? And maybe something about their actions have hurt you. Should you be less compassionate because of that? Again, St. Paul tells us that we must forgive because we have been forgiven. The Lord's forgiveness of us is conditional on our forgiveness of others. Think about what you say when you pray the Our Father. Then put it into action.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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