

## 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 of life—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

We must live in the world but we cannot be attached to the world. If we are too attached, our attention will not be where it needs to be. And that is on God. It is, in fact, possible to live in the world and not be of the world. You do not have to be a hermit, living away from the world and practicing asceticism to be holy. Anything that you do can be a prayer when it is done with purpose and intent and for the glory of God. Do not despair that you have to work and may not have the time you would like to pray. First of all, St. Paul told us that anyone who will not work should not eat. And all of our work is a prayer, using the talents given by God for His glory.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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