

## Deacon's Beacons

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"I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." Matthew 12:36–37

Did you stand up to be counted when it mattered? Did you speak up for the marginalized, the unimportant, the "nobodies" in society? Words matter. They matter as weapons but they also matter as support and nourishment. You can hurt someone with your words. You can also hurt someone with your silence. This passage talks about careless words spoken but what about those words unspoken but needed? They matter just as much. Speak up when you see injustice. Do not let your words condemn you but neither let your silence condemn you.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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