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the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?

⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.

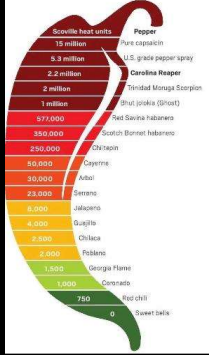
⁷ Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Three Requirements for Pastors & Three Goals for Us All

A Pastor Must Recognize the Weight of His Office.

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A Pastor Must Have a Commitment to Character.

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Character Commitments of a Pastor

Sober Minded = Level Headed, Steady
 Self Controlled = Acts w/ Understanding
 Respectable = Well Ordered, Put Together
 Hospitable = Friend to Outsiders
 Able to Teach = Well, You Know

Character Commitments of a Pastor

Not a Drunkard
 Not Violent, but Gentle
 Not Quarrelsome
 Not a Lover of Money

A Pastor Must Demonstrate Readiness for God's Work.

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