

What Every Man Should Aim For:

6 Do's and 4 Don'ts

1Ti 3:1-3 - This [is] a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous;

Review: 1 Tim 3:1-2a

1. It is good for men to desire to be a pastor
2. A pastor must have these traits, he is to be above reproach in these areas
3. All Christians must be striving to have these traits, not just pastors

1. Do Have a Morally Pure Lifestyle (Review)

- a. Commitment to covenant marriage for LIFE. (Mal 2:14)
- b. Pure conduct w/ all women: any age at any time (1 Tim 5:2)
- c. Proper view of marriage as designed by God (Gen 2:21-25)
- d. Personal purity
 - i. Before marriage, saving yourself for your future mate
 - ii. During marriage ("do not commit adultery")
 - iii. Includes purity of mind and habit as well as relationships

2. Do Things God Controlled

Temperate - sober, not intoxicated/effected by negative influences, clear minded, free from life dominated influences (1Ti 3:11 {to women} –Tts 2:2 {to men})

- a) We shouldn't fill our minds with frivolous or distracting things

Examples - TV, books, games, hobbies, sports, internet, time wasters, mind users

- We have mental limits; we can only hold a certain amount in our minds

- b) We should fill our minds with God and His Word (Ps 1:1-3)

3. Do Second, Think First

- Sober-minded, self-controlled, temperate, discreet
- Tts 1:8 (to pastors), Tts 2:2 (to men), Tts 2:5 (to women)
- Soos- safe, to keep safe
- Phren – mind, core, diaphragm
 - a) We need to be thinking wisely
 - b) ...and do it before we act

4. Do Be in Order

- Of good behavior - ordered, well arranged, seemly, modest

(Root of this word is κόσμος/cosmos)

- a) We need to be organized in our lifestyle, not chaotic

i. Efficient -organization requires planning

ii. Proportionate -we need to properly allocate our time

iii. Godly - we have a responsibility to keep the aspects of our lives in the way God intended

- *The other use of this word is used to describe women's apparel, keeping their appearance in order God intended, being modest, humble or self-controlled (1Tim 2:9)*

b) Organization requires discipline

5. Do Be Hospitable, Including to Strangers

- Hospitable, - generous to guests, to be friendly, wish well of others including foreigners or strangers, “stranger love”
- Tts 1:8 (to pastors)
 - a) We need to kind, showing love to people we do not even know (Ephesians 4:32)
 - b) Our love must be genuine, genuine love will be willing to sacrifice of ourselves (Rom 12:9-13)

6. Do Communicate God's Word

- Able to teach; -competent to teach, apt or tendency to be teaching, skillful in teaching (2Ti 2:24)
 - a) We all need to be striving to be able to teach God's Word (Col. 3:16)
 - b) In order to be able to communicate God's Word we need to know it, and focus on communicating it effectively

7. Don't Even be Around "Wine"

- Not given to wine—drunken (Titus 1:7)
 - a) Don't even be near alcohol, don't mess with it

Root words:

 - *Para-* from/in the presence of, don't be close beside, don't even be near it
 - *Oinos* – wine
 - b) Don't let wine or any drink cause you to lose control or waste (Eph. 5:18)

- *" Pharmakeia " is translated to sorcery or witchcraft, but this includes the use of drugs and is condemned in Gal. 5:20, Rev.9:21, and Rev. 18:23*

8. Don't React Harshly, Instead Gently

- Not violent, - not a striker, brawler or “hot headed” (includes physical or mental)
- but gentle, - (contrast to violent) agreeable, fair, patient, moderate (Tts 1:7)
 - a) We need to be patient, understanding of others
 - b) Instead of looking for fights, look to be gentle

9. Don't Look to Argue, Dissolve Fights

- Not quarrelsome – not a peaceable person, someone who's first tendency is to fight, always has to win (Tts 3:2)
 - a) We should not be looking for fights (“picking fights”) or looking for “hot debates”
 - b) When disagreements happen, we must be willing to be wrong
 - c) Fighting should be our last resort, we should be looking for other options

10. Don't be Greedy

- Not covetous - not desiring other things, greedy, unreasonably strong desire, free from the love of money, not dominated by desire for other things
 - *Earlier in the passage it mentions not being greedy, in the Greek it is not actually there, but it is stated in the passage later as “covetous” and it is also stated in Titus 1:7*
- a) We must not live our lives led by greed, it will ensnare and lead us only into more sin (1 Tim. 6:6-10)
 - b) Be content with what you have, choose to live for God, the things of this world are temporary and lead to wasted life (Hbr 13:5)