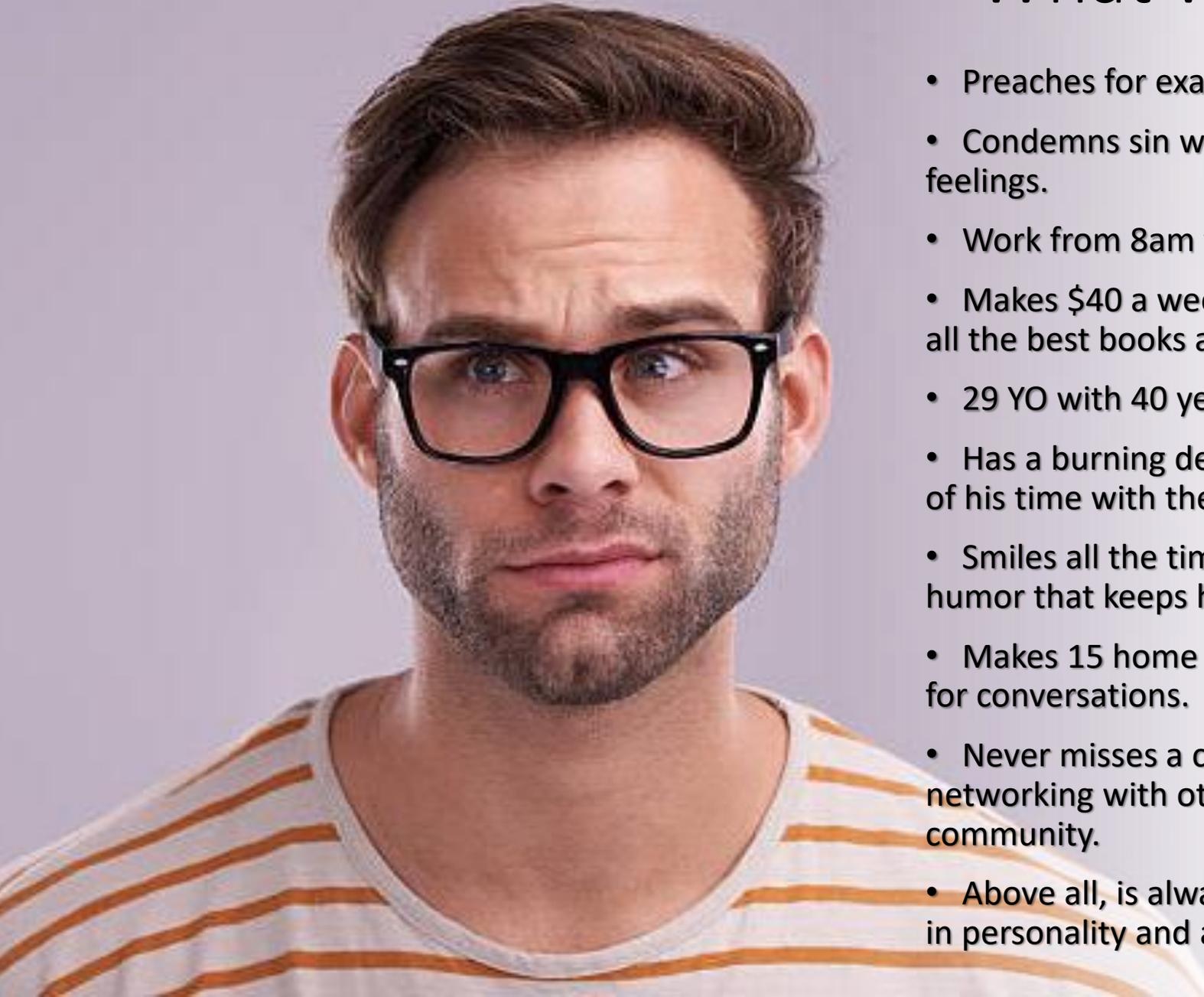


Ordination of
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A Shepherds Call

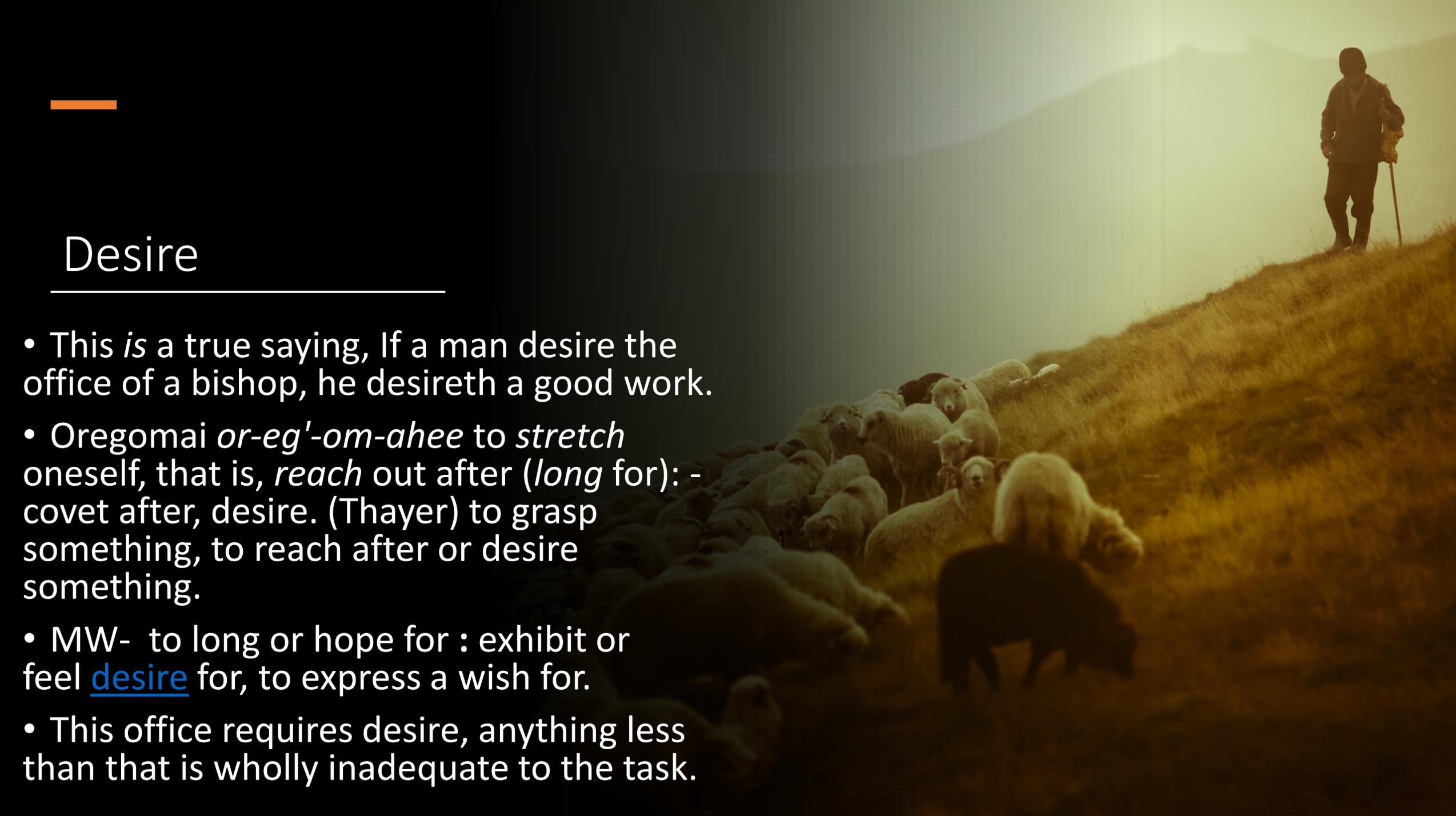
What we look for in a Pastor:



- Preaches for exactly 10 Minutes
- Condemns sin without apology without hurting anyone's feelings.
- Work from 8am to midnight and is also the church janitor.
- Makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes, drives a nice car, buys all the best books and donates \$30 to the church each week.
- 29 YO with 40 years of experience.
- Has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends most of his time with the senior citizens.
- Smiles all the time with a straight face because a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work.
- Makes 15 home visits a day and is always available in the office for conversations.
- Never misses a church meeting and is never inattentive to networking with other churches while evangelizing the community.
- Above all, is always exactly what each and every person wants in personality and attitude 24 hours a day seven days a week.

What are we
really looking
for?

- 1Ti 3:1-7 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. (2) A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; (3) Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; (4) One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (5) (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) (6) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. (7) Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.



Desire

- This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
- Oregomai *or-eg'-om-ahee* to *stretch* oneself, that is, *reach* out after (*long* for): - covet after, desire. (Thayer) to grasp something, to reach after or desire something.
- MW- to long or hope for : exhibit or feel [desire](#) for, to express a wish for.
- This office requires desire, anything less than that is wholly inadequate to the task.

The Job requirements

- 1Ti 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- Blameless- not open to censure, irreproachable. (How does a sinful man become irreproachable?)
- Husband of one wife... One at a time? Only one ever (no divorce)? Pastor of one church?



The Job requirements

- 1Ti 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- Vigilant- To abstain from drunkenness to remain circumspectly and sober. How can you watch the flock asleep from drunkenness.
- Sober- Curbing your base desires, self control.
- Good behaviour- well arranged, modest (orderly).
- Given to hospitality- hospitable, generous to guests.
- Apt to teach- Skillful at it.



And we go on...

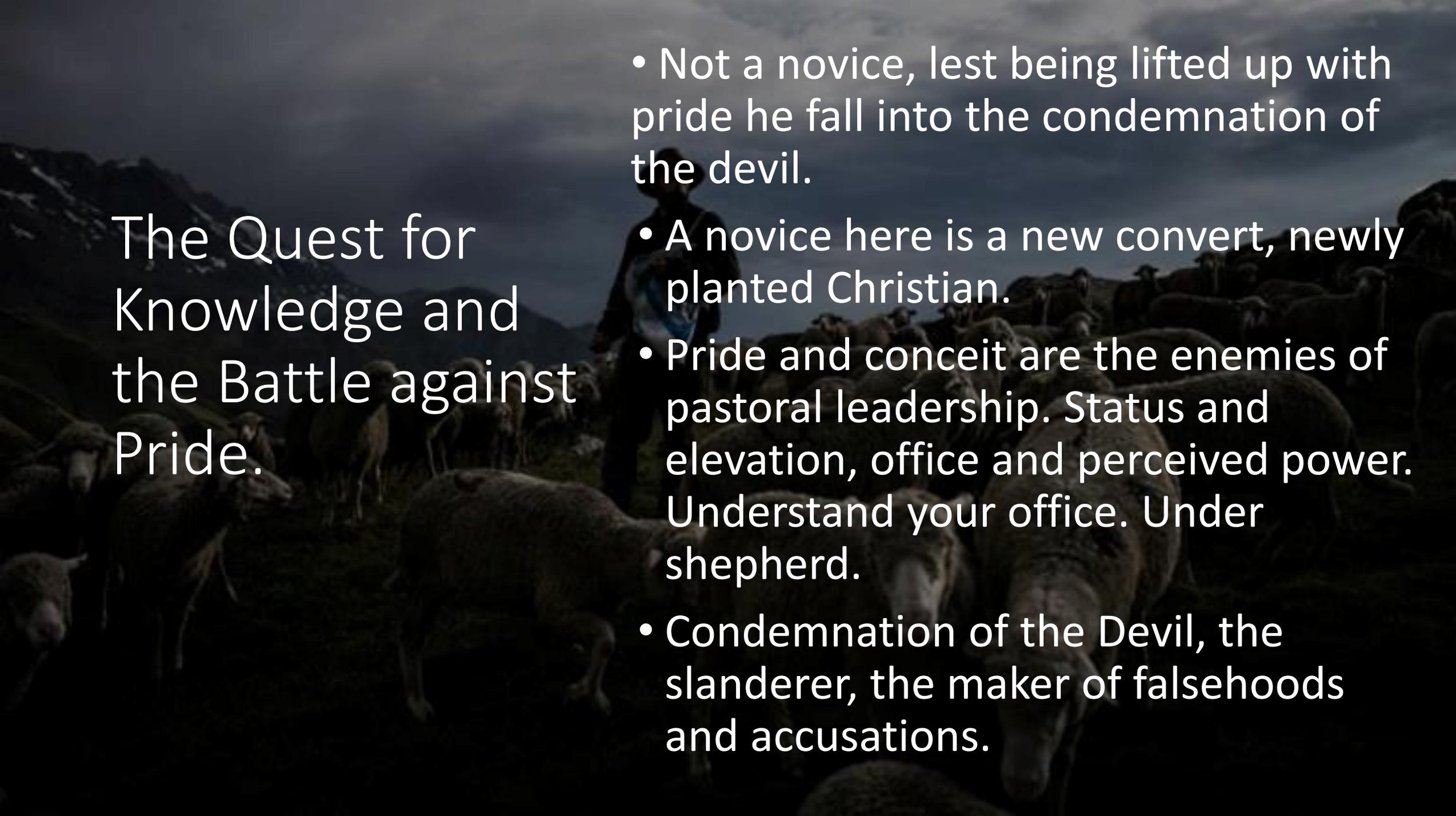
- 1Ti 3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
- Not given to wine or in other words not a drunkard.
- No striker- contentious or quarrelsome. Add not brawler to this (Not contentious given to fighting with fist or sword. -Gil-
- Greed and ill-gotten gain. Covetous can be here.
- Patient- bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint, manifesting [forbearance](#) under provocation or strain, not hasty or [impetuous](#), steadfast despite opposition, difficulty, or adversity, able or willing to bear.





The Household

- One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (5) (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
- The verse gives its own commentary.
- Also presents another challenge for patience, you will always struggle with the relationship between your children and your wife and the flock.
- Expectations of children
- Expectations of the wife



The Quest for Knowledge and the Battle against Pride.

- Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
- A novice here is a new convert, newly planted Christian.
- Pride and conceit are the enemies of pastoral leadership. Status and elevation, office and perceived power. Understand your office. Under shepherd.
- Condemnation of the Devil, the slanderer, the maker of falsehoods and accusations.



To the World

- 1Ti 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.
- And have a good reputation in the community.
- The trap is the same as Pride, accusation, judgement and no effectiveness.
- Respect and possibly fear you, you are the under shepherd first and foremost.

Under shepherds...

- Watch the master's sheep.
- Safety and Welfare, watching for poisonous plants they may eat or predators. Sourcing water.
- Protection from predators, coyotes, wolves, mountain lions, bears, domestic dogs.
- Health and welfare. Sheep are susceptible to disease, must be monitored during lambing. Treat injuries.
- Shearing the flock. Sheep never shed they must be shorn. An experienced shepherd can shear up to 125 ewes a day.



