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- 3. I do not meet with women in private but in public or with their father, husband or Joyce.
- 4. If Satan can tempt a pastor to fall, it hurts not only the pastor but also the church and Christ's reputation.
- 5. Being "the husband of one wife" in Greek means literally "a one-woman man".
- 6. "He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself. He will get wounds and dishonor, and his disgrace will not be wiped away." Proverbs 6:32-33
- 7. The word "respectable" implies an ordered life in which a well-disciplined man accomplishes his plans.
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- 9. "Train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."

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