

actions prior to their Salvation experience is an adverse sentence. According to **2 Cor. 5:17**, “*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*”

The College of Bishops will review each case of these three scenarios and be led by the Holy Spirit as to acceptance or denial.

- *Vigilant*

The Greek word translated as “vigilant” is that state of mind which is free from the excessive influence of passion, lust or emotion.

- *Sober*

This refers to someone who is sound, and understanding. It is someone who is discreet, sober, temperate, of a sound mind ([1 Tim. 3:2](#); [Titus 1:8](#); [2:2, 5](#)); self-disciplined in their freedom (cf **1 Cor. 8:9**), and self-restrained in all passions and desires.

- *Of Good Behavior*

This is someone who is orderly, modest, unpretentious, and humble in their behavior.

- *Given to Hospitality*

Someone who is hospitable—can be kind to strangers, especially those who may not fit into your circle. In its strictest sense it means to be fond of guests.

- *Apt to Teach*

This is someone who is skilled in the art of teaching—especially in the art of communicating Christian teaching/doctrine.

- *Not Given to Wine*

Contrary to what some may want to imply, the Greek word “*paroinos*” (πάροινοϛ) does not mean abstinence. It means abuse or excessive use of it. The Greek Word Picture Dictionary is that of an individual who always has a bottle (or wineskin) on the table and so signifies addiction.

The College of Bishops will adhere to the requirements of the Statement of Beliefs of the International Congress of Churches and Ministers for guidance on this subject.