



THE HIGH CALL OF ELDERSHIP - The Money Trap

1 Timothy 3:1-3 – April 13, 2025 – Pastor Dustin Slezak

START TALKING | *Get your group thinking.*

1. Why do you think most people do not like to talk about personal finances?

2. Why do you think an elder or pastor must not be a lover of money?

START SHARING | *Get your group engaging with the message.*

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-3

3. How does the love of money keep one from experiencing God's provision? See Mark 10:21, Matt 6:25-30.

4. How does the love of or craving for money lead to false hope? See Ecclesiastes 5:10-11, and 1 Timothy 6:10.

5. According to Pastor Dustin, what are three purposes God has for money? See Matthew 6:11, 1 Timothy 6:17-18, Matthew 25:14-29.

START LIVING | *Get your group applying God's Word to daily life.*

6. Explain how you will recalibrate your heart in these areas if money is a trap for you.
 - a. Thankful for what you have (Ephesians 1:3).

 - b. Distinguish between wants and needs (Philippians 4:19).

 - c. Commit to living within your means.

 - d. Develop a financial plan.

 - e. Start cultivating generosity (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).