

Saturday - April 5

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... for where your treasure is, there your heart –your wishes, your desires, that on which your life centers – will be also. Matthew 6:19-21 AMP

Money and time. I've always had an uneasy relationship with both. Scripture says that hoarding money and time are not God's way. Instead, we are to generously share all we have with others. I've heard these messages all my life. Yet I still struggle.

Money was always a concern for my parents. Undoubtedly this impacted me and heightened my desire for "security." My preoccupation with time –rushing to do things and calculating the value of something by the time spent on it – may result from being a Type A. Years as a lawyer in private practice, where time truly is money, didn't help!

I'm guessing that who've been part of PUMC over our 200 year history also struggled with decisions related to money and time. How much money and time should be given to the church? To family? To the community? When have I given enough?

I've come to believe that I'm guided best by prayer and listening to those "nudges" from the Holy Spirit. And I've learned from the example of others who gave (and give) generously to God's work, including those within PUMC and those who have blessed my life in other times and places. I pray that whatever gifts I offer, help PUMC continue to be a place where Christ's light shines.

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Prayer: Lord, guide me to use all that You have given to me in ways that share Your love and advance Your Kingdom. Amen.