

Pray About the Money

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1. Find a way to connect your spiritual life with your personal financial life. Integrating your life in this way will help you lead more effectively around money.
2. Read Scripture about money devotionally. Pick a passage such as Matthew 6:25 (“Do not worry about your life . . .”) and use a practice such as lectio divina (meditative reading of Scripture).
3. Practice noticing your reactive responses around money (fear, wanting, envy). Don’t try to change them, simply notice. Over time (a long time) this practice can deeply affect you for the better.
4. Pray for members of your congregation who are struggling financially. One effect of offering their names to God is to help you gain clarity about what you can and cannot do to help. It can also help you let go of any judgmental attitudes you may have.
5. Pray for members of your congregation who have ample resources. This can help you let go of any judgmental attitudes you may have toward them.
6. Pray for members of your congregation who have a different view of how to handle the congregation’s resources. This can help you let go of any judgmental attitudes you may have toward them, and will help you work more productively with them.

7. Make a list of five things you are thankful for daily. This practice will help you focus on what you have, not what you do not have.

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