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## Musings by Mitchell - April 2017

Springtime. One word that evokes so much in terms of new beginnings and hopes for the future. I have had many clients approach me regarding the current state of politics and how the new regime will affect their investments and planning for their future, which has prompted me to send out this post. As most of you have heard me say, noise moves the market but fundamentals drive the market.

Whether the noise is coming from President Trump's Twitter™ account, China's currency manipulation, Putin's invasion of Crimea, another reduction in oil production...or whatever story of the day, it too will pass. The fundamentals of the market and economy will drive us forward.

If you have a good plan and have matched your goals and objectives to your investments and are well diversified, you should be set to weather any storm surge that comes, just as we have in past periods of market volatility. One of my nurse client's recent made the market characteristic to that of a fetal heart rate, FHR; there is a downward reaction to an event, an upward overaction for the correction, and finally a tempered, normal heart rate. Using her analogy, if you can imagine the heart as a water pump. If the water suddenly stops flowing through the hose, the pump speeds up (overshoot) to stabilize and eventually regain the normal flow. Ann was exactly correct in her market analogy and is now, therefore, more understanding of the market and market volatility.

Showers come in April, Snow in the winter, Sunshine in the summer, Fall color in autumn. Market turbulence is part of a natural course of events as the market will rise and fall. The economy will expand and contract.

I recently revisited Steven Covey's book, Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. This book has many messages but one resonates with me in terms of relevancy given the media frenzy surrounding what is happening in Washington. Ethics. Ethics include things like integrity, humility, fidelity, temperance, courage, justice, patience, industry, simplicity, modesty and The Golden Rule. We need to move away from Personality Ethics and back to Character Ethics. Getting back to core ethics as a society and away from the get rich quick, lose fat overnight, win the lottery tomorrow type of mentality will only help us as a society and individually to appreciate and be grateful for where we are and what we have in life. Those who succeed in all aspects of their life have done it with hard work, persistence, ethics and time. Nothing

comes quick and complete satisfaction in life is accomplished through a life of hard work, success and failures, and a life-long learner and experiences.

With persistence and time on your side, we at MJT & Associates, LLC. Financial Advisory Group strive to navigate you to financial success through and with ethically and intelligently navigation. As the forces of nature arise, we will help you stay on course to reach the goals you set out for you and your family.

Enjoy the springtime showers and the sunny skies that most assuredly will follow.

Sincerely,

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