Choosing a job based on personal priorities

I’d advise anyone to figure out what’s important to them and then choose the job that will reward that. When I was finishing up graduate school, I decided that teaching was important to me and I wanted to be somewhere where teaching well was rewarded and where it wasn’t necessary to do a large quantity of research and get research grants. I chose to go to a liberal arts college, even though that was an unusual decision for an MIT grad, but it was very good for me. I was able to do what I thought was important: spend time with students, encourage women in computer science, become a good teacher, and do high quality but low quantity research.