

## **Practicing Sabbath: Treasures** **January 25, 2026**

*6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will*

*abound in every good work. 9 As it is written:  
“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever.”*

*10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

*(2 Corinthians 9:6-11)*

**BIG IDEA:** Sabbath produces generosity, not laziness.

### **Giving reveals what we believe about God**

*6 Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*

- Psalm 24:1; Deuteronomy 8:17–18; James 1:17

Giving reveals whether we trust God or money.

- Proverbs 3:9–10; Timothy 6:17

### **God wants the heart, not the amount**

*7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

- 1 Samuel 16:7; Proverbs 4:23

### **God supplies the seeds and the bread**

*10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.*

Bread reminds us that God cares about our daily needs.

- Matthew 6:11; Exodus 16:4–5

Seed reminds us that God invites us into participation.

- Genesis 12:2; Luke 8:11

God supplies both so we don't have to hoard.

**Sabbath doesn't make us passive; it makes us free.**

**Reflections:**

1. What makes Sabbath feel difficult or unnatural in your current season of life? What pressures or expectations make it hard to stop?
2. In what ways does constant busyness cause us to hold more tightly to our resources, relationships, or time?
3. When you think about your time, money, or energy, what feels like **bread** right now (what you need to live well), and what might be **seed** (something meant to be released or shared)?
4. What is one small, realistic Sabbath practice you could try this week that would help you enjoy "today's bread" without turning it into something productive?

## Welcome to HOME Church

**Thank you for attending HOME Church.** If you are looking for a church to call HOME, feel free to connect with us. Details are on our website at [www.ourhomechurch.ca](http://www.ourhomechurch.ca), OR the welcome card in the seat in front of you.

Upcoming News + Notes:

**Young Careers.** Lunch today after the service. Talk to Charissa for details.

**Hong Kong Home Group** kicks off Saturday, February 7. For more details talk to Pastor Paul.

**Church board nominations submissions** are due on February 8

**Vision Update** between services on February 8 in the church basement

**Night to Shine** 4-week prayer guide is available today. Printed copies are available in the foyer. Digital copies are on the website at [nighttoshinevancouver.ca](http://nighttoshinevancouver.ca).

**Chinese New Year Potluck Gathering** with Pastor Paul on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up TODAY. This event is conducted in Cantonese.

**Women's Ministry Lunar New Year Celebration.** For more information or to sign-up, talk to Barb, Sharon or Bee Bee.

**Bible Tour: Footsteps of the Ancient Followers of Jesus in Italy.** October 6-16, 2026, with Pastor Andy + Annick. Talk to Pastor Andy for more details.

**Giving Options at HOME Church.** Our preferred way of giving is through e-transfer debit. You can set this up with your banking platform by giving at [give@ourhomechurch.ca](mailto:give@ourhomechurch.ca). Please make cheques out to "HOME Church". All giving details are on our website. **Thank you** for your continued generosity and support to the mission + vision of HOME Church.