

Sabbath Day

Biblically, Sabbath is a 24-hour day of rest from Friday at sundown to Saturday at sundown. However, you must find a sustainable day of your week that works for you and your schedule and allows you to be present with those you love and to enjoy your relationship with God and others.

In Mark 2:27 Jesus said, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” The purpose of Sabbath is to help us rest in the goodness of the gospel, and to delight in what God has done for us. Try this 4-part Sabbath liturgy and reflect on your experience.

During your Sabbath day, resolve to stop, work, delight, and worship.

Stop:

Stop working. Think of this as a time where productivity is not required of you. Avoid trying to catch up on work, homework, housework, etc. In doing so you surrender your work to God and remind yourself that you are not just what you do.

Rest:

Engage in restful activities. Sleep in, nap, go to bed early, etc. Let your body catch up on the rest it needs to thrive. In doing so you surrender the day and its busyness to God.

Delight:

Participate in the things you love but don’t always get to do. Enjoy a great meal, take a walk in nature, create something beautiful, have a long conversation with a friend, etc. The Sabbath is a day to say “no” to certain things so you can say “yes to better things.” Enjoy the goodness of God’s creation.

Worship:

Allow the previous three movements to draw you into a natural adoration of God your Father. Stop throughout your day to tell God you love him and to thank him for who He is and what he’s done for you in the person and work of Jesus.

Write your reflections:
