

## SABBATH ECONOMICS - Radical Hospitality for God's Creation

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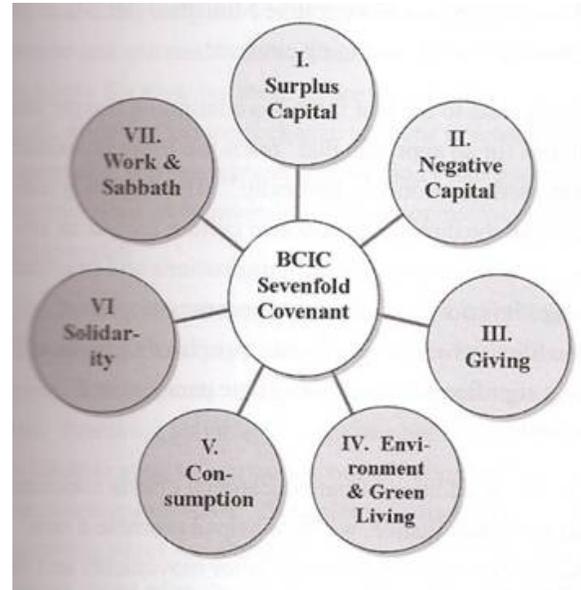
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Sabbath Economic Household Practices - Growing as a disciple through spiritual exercise of our household economy. We are in an age of "death by affluenza," a culture of putting spiritual value on physical things. Our economic systems are in deep decline as are the moral fibers that hold together our culture. This eight part series, steeped in scripture and using the highly interactive process of Biblical Animation, leads small Christian communities to a more sustainable household economy that cares for the poor, holds gently to creation, and seeks to worship the God who says he is found in the "least of these." This series is focused on growing disciples to transform the world.

Led by Steve Taylor, the Sabbath Economics study is an interactive, discussion-based process over eight sessions of 1 ½ hour durations. Each session will represent an overview and then one faction of the Seven-fold covenant of Sabbath Economics depicted in the following graphic:

Sessions will have a scriptural base. Some of the study will flow from Ched Myer's "The Biblical Vision of Sabbath Economics." Matt Colwell's companion work book, "Sabbath Economics: Household Practices," is used as the primary guide for the study. We will also draw from other sources, such as audio visual resources like "The Ad and the Ego." The goal of the study is that the participating group will establish small groups of mutuality and support who will encourage one another in living their lives more congruently in Sabbath principles and more gently in the world.



The optimum size for a study group is 10 - 25; however, larger groups can be accommodated. Currently, for United Methodist congregations, the only cost is the purchase of the books at \$8 per book. Fee structure for churches outside of the United Methodist connection can be negotiated on an individual basis. As the goal and role of the study is relational and simple living within biblical principles, there are no profits derived from providing this service.

*As one participant notes, "I committed myself to living more simply, more connected with God's world and God's people. I was once a person obsessed with having more, more of all of the things that culture says I can't live without. But by living in deeper relationship with people on the edge, by committing more of my wealth to building God's Kingdom, by living in a way that consumes less of the world's finite resources, I have found that I am truly fuller, wealthier, and more closely connected with this Jesus who says, 'I was hungry, and you fed me.' Thank God for Sabbath Economics. It saved my life and in the midst of the process, maybe together, we might save our communities."*

There is also a video series that goes with the study. Presented by Ched Myers (biblical historian, advocate for the poor, and author of Sabbath Economics) and Andy Loving (community investing specialist and financial planner with a life and faith connected to the margins), the video series addresses the theological grounding and life practice of Sabbath Economics. The video series is used in conjunction with the works by Myer's and Colwell.

We are blessed to serve in this way. Feel free to contact us for more information or setting up time for this journey in God's word with God's Spirit. - Steve Taylor