

Initiative is seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

DAY 1

Read Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV

This month is all about initiative, which is seeing what needs to be done and doing it! Seeing a need is only half the battle. In order to show real initiative, we actually have to get busy and help! When it comes to showing initiative, we can't wait for someone else to do what needs to be done. Even if it's not your mess. Even if you have other more fun things to do. God wants you to see a need and do something to help.

Use the code below to find out what we're learning about initiative this week.



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DAY 2

Read Galatians 6:2, NIV

Taking initiative requires seeing a need and doing something about it. When do you know someone is in need? As our verse describes, it could look like someone carrying something heavy or it just might be noticing when a friend needs extra encouragement to finish a math problem. Don't wait for someone else to do what needs to be done. Take initiative to solve the problem.

In the spaces below, fill in how you could take initiative for each example:

Your teacher is getting ready to lead the class to the library with a mountain of books in his hands.

Your grandparent just got back from the grocery store and all the groceries are on the counter.

Your friend just found out they won't be on the team they worked really hard to make.

This week, continue to look for ways you can take initiative and care for someone!

DAY 3

Read 1 John 3:17, NIV

Have you ever watched a movie where someone needed help and people walked right by without helping? How did that make you feel? Were you frustrated? Maybe you even said to the screen, "Stop! That guy needs help!"

It's pretty easy to point out when other people do this. But how about when it's you? Are you tempted to sit back and let someone else deal with it?

When we see a job that needs to be done, the best thing we can do is to show initiative and help. And what's even better, when you step forward to help, you show others God's love for them. Pretty cool, huh?

Helping Hearts

1. Grab some paper and scissors.
2. Cut out several hearts.
3. When you see something that needs to be done or someone that needs help, step up!
4. Write down what you did or who you helped on each heart and stack them up somewhere in your room.
5. At the end of the week, read through your hearts and thank God for the opportunity to share His love with others.

DAY 4

Read Nehemiah 2:4-5, NIV

When Nehemiah found out about the broken-down walls and the situation happening in his hometown, he was sad and upset. He could have said, "I'm so sad to hear this news. I hope someone steps up to help." But he didn't. Nehemiah was brave enough to tell the king (his boss) what was happening. He had no idea how the king would respond. We know the rest of the story. The king agreed that he should go and even gave him what he needed so he could. Nehemiah didn't wait for someone else to do what needed to be done. And you shouldn't either.

Ask God to help you remove all the excuses when you see there's a job to be done.

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