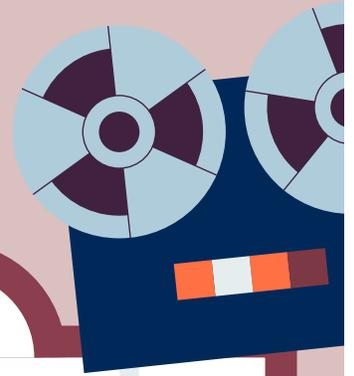


Initiative is seeing what needs to be done and doing it.



DAY 1

Read Luke 12:6–7

Have you ever forgotten your lunch or your homework?

Have you ever walked into a room and thought, “Why did I come in here again?”

We all forget things sometimes. But you know who never forgets one single thing? God! God knows every single thing about every single thing, even the things that are constantly changing. God knows how many hairs are on your head now, as well as how many will be on your head after you brush your hair!

When you use what you have to help, God SEES you. God remembers what you have done. Look for ways to use what you’ve been given whenever you have a chance this week.



Memory Challenge

What is one thing you need to remember for tomorrow? Maybe it’s to stick your library book in your backpack or to put your dishes in the dishwasher after breakfast.

Repeat that thing three times to yourself to help you remember it!

DAY 2

Read Psalm 121:2

Look around the room you’re in right now and count all the things that need a power source—like that lamp, or your remote-control car. Make a quick list as you look around the room. Without a power source, all the things you listed can’t really do their job.

When it comes to showing initiative, we have access to the ultimate power source. Our help comes from God—the Maker of heaven and earth. There is NOTHING more powerful than that. The One who created the entire world just by speaking has promised to help us. Isn’t that amazing?

Draw a line to match the item below with its power source. Then pray, asking for help plugging into God’s power as you show initiative this week.

Flashlight	Electricity
Lamp	Charcoal/Match
Grill	Air or minty fresh breath
Car	Your two legs
Bicycle	Gasoline
Pinwheel	Batteries

Answers: Flashlight–Batteries, Lamp–Electricity, Grill–Charcoal/Match, Car–Gasoline, Bicycle–Your two legs, Pinwheel–Air or minty fresh breath



DAY 3

Read Proverbs 16:3

This month is all about initiative—seeing what needs to be done and doing it. The first step is to pay attention and actually NOTICE the things that need to get done. The second part is following through to complete the task. But what if the task is REALLY big? What if the thing in front of you that needs to get done seems so big that you're not even sure where to start?

First, ask God for help. Then break that big task down into steps. Need to clean your room? Think through some logical steps that would help you get to the finish line. Below is a random list of simple steps for cleaning a messy room. Read through the list and number them in the order that you would complete them.

- Make your bed
- Put away your books/ toys
- Throw away trash
- Hang up or put away clothes
- Place dirty clothes in the hamper

DAY 4

Read Acts 20:35

When you see someone that needs help, what do you normally do? Do you stop what you're doing and lend a hand? Do you wait for someone else to step up? Do you ignore the need or secretly hope they'll figure it out on their own?

Let's think about initiative a little differently. Instead of thinking about what you're about to get in return, think about how it can change someone's day. Jesus said that it is better to give than receive. Helping gives you purpose. Helping makes you feel needed. Taking the time to focus on someone else other than yourself helps you remember that it's never all about you. Initiative isn't just about getting a job done. It's about helping others, too.

Say, "Yes!"

For one day, whenever someone asks something of you, just do it! Help. Give. Serve. At the end of the day, how did saying "yes" and helping others make you feel?



Look for ways to use what you've been given.