

Character Traits for October 23-27 is Initiative

Philippians 1:9-10, "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ"

Character: the qualities built into an individual's life that determine their responses, regardless of circumstances.

Initiative: Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it

Derivation: The English word initiative came from the Latin verb initiare, which means "to begin; to originate."

Ini•tia•tive n 1: the power or ability to begin or to follow through with a plan or task 2: a beginning or introductory step; an opening 3: the lead

Weekly Verse: Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Bible Story: Luke 10:30-37 describes the initiative of the Good Samaritan.

Quote: "Don't wait for your ship to come in, swim out to it."

Application:

Look for needs around the house, and take care of them without being told.

Visualize achievement for others, and help them reach their goals.

If you hear of a problem, act the same day. Resolve conflicts quickly.

Take initiative to restore broken relationships and clear up misunderstandings.

Take part in others' interests, and show concern for their worries.

Ask others about their day, and take the time to listen to their answers.

Discussion Questions:

Share a success story from your own life about a time when you demonstrated initiative, and the effect it had on you and others around you.

What would you say is the opposite of initiative?