

## Character Trait for October 21-27 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:** **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:** Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

**Bible Story:** Matthew 25:14-30 tells the parable of the servants and their talents.

**Quote:** "Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there."

**Application:**

**The "I Wills" of Initiative:**

- I will do what is right before being told
- I will not put off until tomorrow the things I can do today
- I will contribute to the success of the whole team
- I will be a part of the solution rather than the problem
- I will look for ways to help others

**Discussion Questions:**

Make a list of five things you could do today instead of putting them off until tomorrow. How would your life be better if you got them done today?

If you tune into the news or social media, everyone is complaining about the problems in our nation and world. In what seemingly small way could you be a part of the solution to these problems?