

## Character Trait for October 3-7 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:** James 4:17 "If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."

**Bible Story:** Luke 19:1-10 tells the story of Zacchaeus and his interaction with Jesus.

**Quote:** "Initiative is doing the right things without being told to do them."

**Application:**

### Look Around

Most innovation happens because someone sees a need and takes initiative to do something about it. Stay alert to your surroundings and look for ways you can improve the situation.

### Take Action

Do not assume that someone else will take care of the needs you see. Bring it to someone's attention or address it yourself.

### Discussion Questions:

Can you think of three ways you could show initiative at home to help your family?

Do you know someone in your life who consistently shows initiative?

What would you say is the opposite of initiative?