

Character Trait for October 10-14 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: Proverbs 3:27 "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act."

Bible Story: I Samuel 25 tells the story of Abigail and her interactions with David.

Quote: "Most people never use their initiative because no one told them to."

Application:

School

Get a head start on your assignments by reading ahead, studying on your way home, or starting research papers in advance. Ask your teachers how you can improve your work in the classroom. Look around and see if there is any trash to be picked up or anywhere else you can help.

Work

Anticipate what your employers expect from you, and exceed their expectations. Look for customers who need help or jobs that need to be done and get to work before being told to.

Home

Delight your family by finding ways to help around the house without being asked. Clean the kitchen, even when it is not your mess. Offer to help a younger sibling with schoolwork. When conflicts arise, take initiative to solve them quickly.

Discussion Questions:

What projects have you been putting off until later? What can you do to stop procrastinating and get started?

Think through what you have to do tomorrow and the rest of the week. How can you prepare now to be successful?