

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

DAY 1

Read Philippians 2:4

If someone had a record of all your thoughts, would there be more thoughts about yourself or about others? If we’re honest, we’d probably admit that we put our own wants and needs first. Paul, who wrote these words to the believers in Philippi, gave a bigger challenge. We shouldn’t just look out for our own good but the good of others.

If you wear glasses, they help you to see things more clearly. When it comes to showing initiative, sometimes we need to look at the world around us through different lenses. We need to take off our “me” lenses that focus on ourselves and put on our “others” lenses instead.

Wearing My Sunglasses

Grab a pair of sunglasses and put them on. As you wear them, remind yourself to watch out for the needs of others BEFORE you think about yourself. Ask God to help you look for ways to help and to share the love of Jesus, too!

DAY 2

Read Matthew 28:19

Did you notice there are two verbs or action words in Jesus’ command? The first is “go.” Jesus is asking us, as His followers, to share His love with others everywhere we go— from the ball field, to the classroom, to the bus, and to the playground. And Jesus is asking us to “make disciples,” or to tell others about what He’s done for us!

Here’s something crazy to think about. God doesn’t need us to do this. God is powerful enough to accomplish this mission without us. But God chooses to use us because God knows that telling others about what Jesus has done makes our own faith stronger.

In the space below, write down four places you go each week and the names of people you see when you go there. This week, pray specifically for each of those places and people—that you would show initiative and look for ways to tell others about Jesus!

Places	People
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DAY 3

Read Acts 1:8

Jesus told these first followers to “tell people about me in. . .”

Jerusalem

Judah

Samaria

These might be unfamiliar names to you, but for those early believers, Jerusalem was their hometown, Judea was the region they lived in, and Samaria was the larger country they were a part of.

Fill in your own “Jerusalem,” “Judea,” and “Samaria” in the blanks.

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Your Hometown

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Your State (region)

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Your Country

You might not travel much outside of your own hometown. That’s okay! You can ask God to help you share about what Jesus has done for you right where you live. You can tell others how Jesus has helped you to be kind and loving, to be patient, and to have self-control. Look for ways to tell others about Jesus this week!

DAY 4

Read Proverbs 16:3

What’s one thing you need to do that seems completely overwhelming or too big to handle?

Read today’s verse again. God can help you do BIG things. Small things too. Whatever you do, be sure to include God in your plans. When we make God a part of our plans we are saying we trust God. And what’s even better, God will make your plans successful! This doesn’t mean you’ll suddenly become rich and famous for cleaning out your closet or finishing a project for school. But it does mean God will give you what you need to work hard and finish well!

Proverbs 16:3

Write the words of this verse on a card and place it on a mirror where you can see it as a reminder this week.

Look for ways to tell others about Jesus.

