

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

DAY 1

Read Romans 5:8

Today's verse sums up all of God's words from Genesis to Revelation in one sentence. God loved us enough to send Jesus! Not only that, but God sent Jesus while we were still sinners. That means God didn't wait for us to clean up our act or get ourselves together enough to be worthy of such a gift. God saw our greatest need and did something about it by sending Jesus!

Memorize It!

This is such an important verse that it's worth taking the time to hide it in our hearts. With a friend or family member, write each word of today's verse on a separate card and place the cards face up in front of you. Read through the verse, then turn two cards over. See if you both can say it from memory. Repeat for several more rounds, turning two cards over at a time until you can say the entire verse from memory.

DAY 2

Read Psalm 121:2

When someone helps you, what do you say?

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How do we thank God—after all, God has done everything for us! The way we say “thank you” is through our worship. Worship isn't just about singing a praise song or performing motions along with the words. Worship is like a great big “thank you” from your heart to God. We praise and worship God for meeting our greatest need through Jesus!

There are lots of ways to worship and celebrate what God has done. Below are some ideas. Pick ONE from the list below and take a few minutes to worship God in this way right now.

Ways to Worship

- ➔ Sing or dance along to a praise song
- ➔ Paint a picture
- ➔ Write a poem of thanks
- ➔ Pray in a new place in a new way and tell God “thank you,” listing specific things you are thankful for.

DAY 3

Read Philippians 4:13

Getting started can be the hardest part of a big job. One thing you can do is to invite God in to help. At the very beginning, you can say, “God, I’m not sure how this is going to go. It’s a big job. Will You help me? Will You show me what to tackle first? Will you remind me that You’re with me along the way?”

If you ask, God will help you and give you the strength to keep going. We can do all things through the power of Jesus Christ. That means big jobs. Little jobs. Jobs that seem WAY too big for you or jobs so small that no one would even notice anyway. Initiative isn’t just seeing what needs to be done; it’s following through and getting it done. So remember, when you see something big to be done, ask God for help.

With God’s Help

Write Philippians 4:13 in the space below. Circle, underline, or highlight words that stand out to you. Repeat the verse aloud, emphasizing those words. Then thank God for promising to always be with you.

DAY 4

Read Psalm 16:8

Look carefully to solve each word picture puzzle and write the answer on the lines below.

SECRET ←
SECRET
SECRET

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TOWN

WHEEL

To solve these puzzles, you had to look at them first. Then your brain had to consider how to work it out to find the answer. When it comes to getting things done, first we have to see the need. Then we need to get busy doing something to help!

That’s what God did! God had a plan all along to fix our broken world through Jesus. And because of that rescue plan, everyone who puts their trust in Jesus can have a friendship with God forever.

Whenever you have a challenge to tackle this week, remember that God is with you and will help you come up with a plan to get the job done. God took care of our greatest need through Jesus, and God will help you show initiative to care for the needs you see around you, too.

Answers: top secret, downtown, big wheel

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