

# INITIATIVE

Seeing what needs  
to be done  
and doing it

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## READ 1 JOHN 3:17

**DAY 1**

Do you have a brother or sister or a close friend or neighbor? When was the last time you helped them? This verse talks about what we should do when we see someone in need. AND if we choose to help, we're showing others the love of God.

When it comes to taking care of people who need help, we have to remember to show initiative. When we see a problem, we have to act and DO something about it. It's not enough to notice the need. God wants us to show others HIS love by pitching in to help a brother (or sister or friend) out.

How can you help your brother or sister? Name five things you can do on a regular basis to help your brother or sister or friend. If you can't think of five, leave the lines blank and pray that God would show you new ways to help this week.

**THANK** God for giving you all sorts of people in your life to help this week.

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## READ ACTS 20:35

**DAY 2**

When you see someone that needs help, what do you normally do? Do you stop what you're doing and lend a hand, or do you secretly hope that he or she can figure it out on their own?

Often, we don't like taking initiative when we have to give something up, even if it's our time. But like this verse says—giving is better. Helping others gives you purpose. Helping others makes you feel needed. Taking the time to focus on someone else other than yourself helps you remember that it's never all about you. Initiative isn't just about getting a job done. It's about helping others too.

Pick one day and make it your Help Day. All day long, look for ways to help, give, and serve. At the end of the day, how did saying "yes" and helping others make you feel?

**ASK** God to help you show initiative by helping others this week.

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## READ PHILIPPIANS 2:4

**DAY 3**

Have you ever walked outside only to be blinded by the sun? Have you ever been to a 3D movie without wearing the special glasses? In both of these situations, you need a pair of glasses in order to see clearly.

What about when it comes to seeing a need and showing initiative? Is there a special pair of glasses for that? Not really, huh? You can't buy a special pair of "initiative specs." But there is a BIG key to seeing a need that's found in this verse. God is asking us to take the focus off of ourselves and to pay attention to others instead. That means we need to stop looking in at our own needs and look out to see the needs all around us.

Find a pair of glasses, sunglasses or swim goggles and pretend they can help you focus on others. Put them on and begin to look for a way to help someone else. Don't take off your special glasses until you show the initiative to help.

**LOOK** for ways to help others this week.

## READ HEBREWS 6:10

**DAY 4**

Can you think of the last thing you forgot? Was it your library book? Your glove for baseball? Your lunch? Write it down in the box.

We all forget things from time to time. It's just a part of life. Wouldn't it be awesome if you never ever forgot anything ever again? That would be pretty sweet. Want to know something amazing? God never forgets. Ever. He never loses his keys. He never has to search for his phone. He never forgets to close the fridge door or turn off the lights. He never forgets.

Okay, so God doesn't need keys, or a phone or even a refrigerator. But the truth is that He truly NEVER forgets the things you do. He created you and He loves you. And He sees and knows all. When you choose to help someone in need, God pays attention. And He NEVER forgets. When you see a need, and do something, God is so proud. Because every time you help someone else, it shows how much you love God, too.

**REMEMBER** that God never forgets when you help others.

When you see  
people in need,  
don't wait for  
someone else  
to help them.