

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

DAY 1

Read Psalm 121:2

When someone helps you, what do you say? Yes, you say, “thank you!”

So how do we thank God for all He’s done? The way we say “thank you” is through our worship. Worship happens when you realize that what you have to give is so much less than what you’ve been given. It’s not just about singing a praise song or performing motions along with the words. Worship is like a great big “thank you” from your heart.

There are lots of ways to worship and celebrate what God has done. He deserves our worship and praise because our help comes from Him. Below are some ideas. Pick one from the list below and take a few minutes to worship God in this way.

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 2

Read Nehemiah 6:15-16

Rebuilding the wall was a gigantic task. How many days did it take them?

Yep, 52. That’s less than two months to . . .

- ➔ rebuild a wall that wrapped around an entire city.
- ➔ restore 8 different gates.
- ➔ provide protection from enemies.

How? GOD. God helped them. He is the one who made it possible to stay focused and get the job done! And when they finished, the people recognized and celebrated what God had done!

We can do that too! When we finish something, we can stop and thank God! Pray a prayer of thanksgiving today by filling in the blanks below.

God, thank you for helping me finish . . .

Thank you for a mind that helped me figure out how to . . .

Thank you for friends and family like . . .
That helped me too.

Thank you for loving me and for helping every day.
I love you, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Read Proverbs 16:3

When you have a big job to do, getting started is sometimes the hardest part. But remember, initiative isn't just about seeing the job that has to be done. Initiative is about following all the way through to the finish.

One thing you can do is to invite God in to help. Right at the very beginning, you can stop and say, "Okay 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?"

Write out today's verse 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 His promise to always be with you and to help your plans succeed as you show initiative!

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Look for ways to celebrate what God has done.

Read Psalm 16:8

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

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BLANKPIGET

WHEEL



Did you solve the puzzles? Answers are below if you want to double check your work.

To solve these puzzles, you had to look 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 pay attention to see the need. Then we can come up with a plan to tackle the job!

Nehemiah did that over and over and over again. He had to solve problems along the way to see this big job to completion. And when he was finished, he took time to thank God and to celebrate such a huge accomplishment.

Remember, that God is with you and He will help you come up with a plan to get the job done. When you finish it, don't forget to stop and spend some time celebrating what God has done!

Answers: second nature, pig in a blanket, big wheel