

Week 10th – 14th February: Initiative (C.H.R.I.S.T. value of Initiative)

Our next C.H.R.I.S.T. value is initiative. Our quotations this week explore how we often need to take independent action using our acquired wisdom rather than simply following the directions of other people.

Wisdom from Spiritual Traditions

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. (James 3:13)

They pleaded, “O Dhul-Qarnayn! Surely Gog and Magog are spreading corruption throughout the land. Should we pay you tribute, provided that you build a wall between us and them?” He responded, “What my Lord has provided for me is far better. But assist me with resources, and I will build a barrier between you and them.” (al Kahf Q 18:94-95)

Those who have meditated on the Name of the Lord and departed after having worked by the sweat of their brows - O Nanak, their faces are radiant in the Court of the Lord, and many are saved along with them! (Guru Granth Sahib)

Life in all its fullness – John 10:1-10

Reflection & Prayer

Guide us, O God,
in the decisions that we face
that we may act wisely,
drawing on what we have learned from others
as we’re faced with new challenges.
Give us courage to reach our own solutions
and the readiness to listen to other ideas
that we may find life in its fullness. Amen.

Initiative: 24th – 28th February 2025	
Monday	Initiative is doing the right thing without being told. -- Victor Hugo
Tuesday	The most decisive actions of life are most often unconsidered actions. -- Andre Gide
Wednesday	Success depends in a very large measure upon individual initiative and exertion, and cannot be achieved except by a dint of hard work. -- Anna Pavlova
Thursday	I will listen to people, but then I will take very decisive action. -- Kathy Hochul
Friday	If you are fearful, choose courage. If you frequently procrastinate, choose to take action now. If you have always waited for others to lead, use your own initiative. -- Paul J. Meyer