

FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS—INITIATIVE vs. WORK OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS— SLOTHFULNESS

1. Write from memory the definition of the fruit of Righteousness—Initiative:

2. To show that you not only know the definition of initiative but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of how you have exhibited initiative since you began your study of this fruit of righteousness:

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3. Write from memory the definition of the work of Self-Righteousness—Slothfulness:

4. To show that you not only know the definition of slothfulness but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of ways in which you have been slothful in your life *before* you knew it was an alternative to the fruit of Righteousness—Initiative.

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5. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Ephesians 5:14-16.

“Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

Ephesians 5:14-16

Wherefore he saith, (Awake) _____ thou that (sleepest) _____, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give the light. See then that ye (walk) _____ (circumspectly) _____, not as (fools) _____, but as (wise) _____, (redeeming) _____ the (time) _____, because the (days) _____ are (evil) _____.

Ephesians 5:14-16

6. Information Application: Please re-read Ephesians 5:14-16 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

7. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Revelation 2:2,3.

“I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst

not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for y name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted."

Revelation 2:2,3

I know thy (works) _____, and thy (labor)
_____, and thy (patience)
_____, and how thou canst not (bear)
_____ them which are (evil) _____
_____ : and thou hast tried them which say they are
apostles, and are not, and hast found them (liars)
_____ : And hast (borne) _____
_____, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast
labored, and hast not (fainted) _____.

Revelation 2:2,3

8. Information Application: Please re-read Revelation 2:2,3 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. How will meditating on this truth prove helpful in expressing Spirit-led initiative when prompted by Him?

9. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Proverbs 6:9-11 .

“How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.”
Proverbs 6:9-11

*How long wilt thou (sleep) _____, O
(sluggard) _____? when wilt thou (arise)
_____ out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little
(slumber) _____, a little folding of the
hands to sleep: So shall thy (poverty) _____
come as one that (travelleth) _____,
and thy (want) _____ as an (armed)
_____ man.* Proverbs 6:9-11

10. Information Application: Please re-read Proverbs 6:9-11 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. How will meditating on this truth be helpful in avoiding slothfulness when prompted by Him?

Student Self-Evaluation

Using Information To Develop Your Personal Relation

As a developing Christian, God will place you in circumstances that will bring you opportunities to evoke the willing participation of initiative. While under these circumstances you may find yourself submitting to this fruit or rejecting this inclination with the habitual lethargy found in slothfulness. When we “try hard to do better,” we often fail to accomplish. When we learn to yield to God’s power we will find it rather easy to demonstrate His reality to others with that unusual zeal.

We have learned that when God gives us strength, we react by being zealous of good works through His grace. When our relationship with the Lord is weak, we often become passive towards the needs of hurting people and become apathetic in our Christian lives.. After learning these truths, how have you found yourself responding to these opportunities:

- ☐ I usually exhibit the fruit of Righteousness—Initiative.
- ☐ I struggle with yielding to the work of Self-righteousness—Slothfulness.

How do you think you can improve your submission to this fruit without having to “try any harder?” _____

FOR THE DISCIPLER’S USE ONLY:

1. Do you feel your student understands the meaning of the fruit of Righteousness—Initiative and the devil’s offsetting work of Slothfulness?
Yes or No
2. Would you feel their grasp on these two alternative actions and reactions are:
Strong Strengthening Adequate Minimal Weak
3. Do you believe this student consistently evokes willing participation in every Spirit-led situation?”
Often Sometimes Seldom Never
4. Do you believe this student is ready to progress to the next fruit test of Diligence? Yes or No
5. If yes, what leads you to feel this way? _____

6. If no, what are your reasons? _____
