

INITIATIVE RESTORED

I. Dominion was God's idea from the beginning Gen. 1:26, 28

- A. **Dominion** – To rule; reign; subjugate; the right to bear rule; it implies initiative or the authority to act or **initiate**.
- B. Adam's sin was his passivity or disobedience to act Gen. 2 & 3:1-7; Rom. 5:12; 1 Tim. 2:14; Don't get mad at Adam.

II. God redeemed us by grace requiring initiative by faith on man's part

- A. Eph. 1:6, 7 – All of God's plans (redemption) were by grace which is God initiating a move or action toward man
 - as opposed to us having to merit it or God sovereignly choosing for us
- B. Heb. 4:16 – The throne (the seat of authority) is of grace requiring a response of faith or initiative on our part

III. Sometimes we're indoctrinated with passivity

- A. Offering no opposition or resistance; influenced without exerting influence; acted upon without acting; inactive; inert; yielding
- B. "Let go and let God." True spirituality is neither entirely passive or entirely active "I've got to do this all by myself." The balance is I cannot do it without God but God will not do it without me.
- C. "The battle is the Lord's" but remember it was David who used his sling and a stone
- D. "It must be God's will or it wouldn't have happened because everything happens for a purpose
- E. "God's sovereign," but it never violates His Word, character,

Passive vs Taking Initiative

A. **Passive (Passivity)**

1. Offering no opposition or resistance.
2. Influenced without exerting influence.
3. Acted upon without acting.
4. Inactive or taking no active part.
5. Inert; motionless; yielding.

B. **Initiative**

1. The action of taking the first step.
2. The responsibility for beginning.
3. The right to introduce something.
4. The ability to think or act without being urged.
5. To start or initiate movement.