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- So Jesus answered them, that he did nothing of his own **initiative**, but only the things that he beheld his father doing. Therefore what things his father did, the same things he did in **imitation** of him.
- Therefore he was never self-willed, and was always following the principles that guided the Sabbath, to rest from one's own self-willed course, and do God's will. This singleness of purpose in fact, made him the Lord of the Sabbath, for he only did his father's will daily throughout his life. Therefore every day was a Sabbath for him. The mere fact that the father worked miracles and healings through him, was evidence of his divine support, and it constituted all the authority that he needed to do these things.
- Therefore, in answer, Jesus went on to say to them; Most truly I say to you, the Son cannot do a single thing of his own **initiative**, but only what he beholds the Father doing. For whatever things that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner. (John 5:19)
- Then Jesus showed, that he could not do a single thing of his own **initiative**, for the power he demonstrated, came forth from Yehowah God through him. So that just as the Father told him so he judged, and thus the judgment he rendered was also righteous, for it came forth through God's will. Therefore by not seeking to do his own will, but the will of his heavenly Father in all things, Jesus remained chaste.
- I cannot do a single thing of my own **initiative**. Just as I hear, I judge. The judgment that I render is righteous, because I seek, not my own will, but the will of him that sent me. (John 5:30)
- So Jesus, knowing their thoughts, spoke out boldly, saying, that they both knew him, and knew where he was from. He told them that he had not come forth to them of his own **initiative**. He was sent forth from God, who was a real and true God, yet one, that they had not come to know accurately, as he did.
- Therefore Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple and

said; You both know me and know where I am from. Also, I have not come of my own **initiative**, but he that sent me is real, and you do not know him. (John 7:28)

- Then Jesus made reference to the serpent Moses raised up in the wilderness showing these men, that they would have to lift him up on high among themselves, and look to him in faith, to avoid the painful sting of sin and death, going among their numbers, just like Moses did with the copper serpent in the wilderness.
- Therefore Jesus said; When once you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing of my own **initiative**, but just as the Father taught me I speak these things. (John 8:28)
- So Jesus countered, that if they really had God as their Father, then they would love him, for Jesus came forth from the Father, and was standing here before them as his approved servant. Then Jesus showed them, that he had not come forth to them of his own **initiative**, but he was sent forth to them by God himself.
- Jesus said to them; If God were your Father, you would love me, for from God I came forth and am here. Neither have I come of my own **initiative** at all, but that One sent me forth. (John 8:42)
- Then Jesus showed, that no man had taken away his life, but rather, that he was willingly surrendering it of his own **initiative**, through his own willingness. He had been given authority to surrender his soul in this manner, and also to receive it again, and this commandment he had received from the Father.
- No man has taken it away from me, but I surrender it of my own **initiative**. I have authority to surrender it, and I have authority to receive it again. The commandment on this I received from my Father. (John 10:18)