Spiritual Powers

Manifesting The Lord's Supernatural Influence

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CHAPTER 20

DIVINE SERVICE

Serve the Lord with gladness and delight… (Psalm 100:2a AMP).

Your faith is reflected through serving God, helping others, and engaging in good works. Such genuine service is a direct outflow of The Lord's grace and love.

Sloane found herself returning to the fitness center again and again, drawn to its upbeat energy and the connections she made. Among the crowd, Viola stood out – a serene presence with a kind smile, quietly keeping her herself.

While living out your faith through actions is important, it also means sharing your faith with others respectfully and appropriately. You can do this by telling your personal story, witnessing your beliefs, or initiating thoughtful conversations.

Sloane, a deeply committed Christian, felt compelled to reach out to Viola. Instead of preaching or seeking conversion, her simple desire was to extend friendship and reflect God's love. She initiated their connection with warm greetings and friendly smiles, gradually progressing to brief discussions about their workouts and the weather.

Divine service is about living out your faith, allowing God's grace and love to shine through your actions and positively impact the world. It means putting Christian values into practice, including love, service, and mercy, in your daily life; moving beyond passive belief to actively demonstrate your faith through practical acts.

On a busy afternoon, Viola seemed troubled, her usual calm replaced by a worried expression. Mindful of the Biblical directive to help shoulder one another's troubles, Sloane was moved to offer a word of comfort.

Hey Viola, she paused, you seem a little down today. Is everything okay? Viola paused before revealing a difficult family situation. Sloane listened, giving empathetic and simple, non-judgmental encouragement.

Your faith activates and deepens as you consistently apply your beliefs and values to how you live and connect with others.

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