

# Shocked in a Supermarket

Just in case you may ever doubt that God is working in and through His people to accomplish His plan, then just read this personal story revealed by Lynn D. Kilpatrick, executive director at Life Care Center of New Market, Virginia.

In reporting what happened, she makes it clear that she is “not sharing this story to bring glory to myself; in fact, quite the opposite. It is to praise God for His goodness and timing.” Here is what happened:

*Yesterday at lunch, I was approached by a nurse who knows I love helping people out. She mentioned there was a CNA here who had been looking stressed and she asked what was going on. Come to find out, the CNA was in a financial crisis. Her husband hurt his knee at work and has been struggling with being out of work for over three months. Her water at home was being cut off today. She has her daughter and 6-month-old grandchild at home also. She told the nurse she had planned to go to the food bank to get some food. She didn't really want anyone to know, but she was at her wit's end. The nurse and her boyfriend paid the water bill. I said I would be glad to get some groceries for the family.*



*Around 7 p.m. last night, I'm still at work in the middle of a horrible thunderstorm. I remembered I needed to go to the store, but the devil tried really hard to tell me things like, "Don't go today; it's raining too hard to put up groceries, you are tired," etc., etc., etc. But something told me to go on to the Food Lion. I had to drive right past the brand-new Walmart that just opened the day before. I was tempted to stop there, but something again said, "Just go to Food Lion; you know where everything is there."*

*I start my shopping for this family and realize I have no idea what types of food they like. I just try to think about stocking up on the basics and not getting too much junk food. I go to check out and the bill – before I used my discount card – was about \$173. I had causally mentioned to the cashier that I was buying for a family I really didn't know, and I hoped I got the right things. I was excited to see how much savings I would get with my discount card.*

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*The total started coming down, and then I saw it said ‘Grocery Giveaway – \$100.’ I was shocked, and the cashier called her manager who said that I was the lucky winner of the ‘Grocery Giveaway’ contest which they had just started. I couldn't do anything but cry and say, “This is a God thing.” I think I said it over and over and over. I cried, the cashier cried, the manager cried. It was an awesome moment – not because of doing a good deed but because God increased my ability to provide, and He showed Himself to me, to the family being helped and to the employees of the Timberville Food Lion.*



*So often we have to wait months and even years to understand God's plan, and in that moment I had an instant knowledge that I had followed His will and did what I was supposed to do and was blessed beyond measure. God is so good and I am in awe that He used me in this situation.*

To paraphrase what my grandfather used to say, “If Lynn’s story doesn’t light your fire, then your wood is wet!”

Her personal experience is a reminder to all of us to be sensitive to that “still, small voice” within – the urging of the Holy Spirit – and be obedient to His direction.

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter