

OPEN TO THE SPIRIT

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Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path. (Psalm 143:10)

The craziest things happen when we're open to the Spirit. I was at a school function when a woman walked up to me and asked me to save her from another woman there. I thought it was odd and wondered how she knew I wasn't just as strange as the woman she was avoiding. We talked about the weather and soon parted with me thinking I would avoid her the next time.

Fortunately, I couldn't avoid her. The next get-together she showed up at my side again. I decided it was unavoidable so I sat and talked with her for 2 hours. It was heaven! We had more in common than anyone I had met since high school. Twenty-one years later, she's who I call when I'm sick, scared or just want to chat. And I'm who she calls for the same reasons. Her husband is a louder version

of her and is good friends with my husband. They are the most welcoming and loving people I have ever met. They have helped children as long as I have known her. There is a peace when she is around that can only come from God.

If you leave yourself open, even when it's odd at first, God can put you in safe and loving places. I am so thankful for my best friend!

**DEAR LORD,
HELP US TO STAY OPEN TO
YOUR LEAD. I KNOW YOU
HAVE OUR BEST INTER-
EST AND SAFETY IN MIND.
THANK YOU. IN JESUS'S
NAME, AMEN.**