

Being Clark Kent is Only My Day Job

The character Clark Kent wears glasses, stumbles frequently and seems socially out of place. He acts insecure, but there is much more to the character than meets the eye. When a crisis hits, Superman seems to disappear. Behind the scenes he transforms himself into Superman, red cape and all. He flies off to the disaster area with great strength, confidence, commitment, and on a mission. Other than the TV viewers, fellow characters in the show never make the connection that mild-mannered Clark Kent and Superman are the same person. His hidden true identity allows him to live a normal life but do extraordinary things.



You have that same opportunity to do extraordinary things. Few of us get to work for a mission organization but we all have the opportunity to be mission-driven. We can work our day job as electricians, janitors, sales people or whatever. But we can have another dimension that is mission oriented. We don't have to save the world, but we can help people according to their needs. Your mission might be to care for an aging parent or elderly neighbor next door. You might be the Christian friend when someone needs guidance. You might be a Sunday School teacher or volunteer with organizations like the Shepherds Center, Crisis Control or the YMCA. You might participate in domestic or international mission programs with your church. You may be a person who makes the coffee each Sunday morning at church or picks up litter in the church parking lot. It doesn't matter how public or private your service is, if it is for the Lord, it is important.

Clark Kent's superhuman powers were with him even when he was in his reporter mode for the Daily Planet. His superhuman sight and hearing detected situations that needed his attention. The same is true for us on our day job. We can care for others and be an inspiration for others in the workplace and in our families. You are superhuman too, when empowered by the Holy Spirit. God gives you the words to say when encouraging others in the faith. You don't need a divinity degree to tell others of Jesus' love. You just have to have Jesus in your heart.

In the vintage TV series the announcer said that Superman "came to earth with powers and abilities far beyond those of mortal men." That is minuscule in comparison with what Jesus came to earth with, and He empowers us to serve. The show's introduction continued to say that Superman "fights a never-ending battle for truth, justice, and the American way!" The need to serve others is never-ending, but so is God's empowering love.

Superman accomplished much with superhuman strength, but Jesus could do *far more* with just love and compassion. If you have Jesus' love and compassion you have powers and abilities that far exceed those of men without faith. You don't have to change into your tights and red cape, and jump out windows to save the world. Jesus does the saving. You just share the love. It can be your mission in life.

Scripture: *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."*

Question: How are you serving God? Do you feel God empowers you to do more than you could on your own?

Prayer: Heavenly Father. We thank you for the skills and abilities you gave us, allowing us to support our families, but also equipping us help others. There is only one fictional superman, but there are many of us willing to serve you by serving others. Amen.

Introduction from the Original TV Show: Faster than a speeding bullet! More powerful than a locomotive! Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound! "Look! Up in the sky!" "It's a bird!" "It's a plane!" "It's Superman!" Yes, it's Superman... strange visitor from another planet, who came to Earth with powers and abilities far beyond those of mortal men! Superman... who can change the course of mighty rivers, bend steel in his bare hands, and who, disguised as Clark Kent, mild-mannered reporter for a great metropolitan newspaper, fights a never-ending battle for truth, justice, and the American way!