



*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*

How many times have we heard those words that are exclaimed in the picture? What makes this picture so unique is that Jesus is in line with a bowl in His hand, while He waits for food. So many times we want to give more to those that are in obvious need of help. We might think that giving only comes in the form of cash donations. This is not always true for you can give by helping others. Everyone can give something whether it is time, money or some other way of assisting other. It can include the times when you visit the sick, run errands for someone who is unable, send a letter of encouragement who maybe feeling depressed, give a compliment when they are having a bad day, buy someone a cup of coffee, offer your umbrella to someone on a rainy day or even just a smile. Does this mean we can't satisfy Jesus' command unless we have abundant wealth to give, or extraordinary talents to serve others? No! Jesus compared a poor widow, who gave only a little, to the wealthy men who gave much more. *"Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything- all she had to live on."* (Mark 12:41-44) Each of us has something to give. Some have wealth, some have talents, and some have time. Whatever gifts we have been given, large or small, we should share generously. When we do, we make the world better for someone else and find true meaning and satisfaction in our own lives. -Sherrie Clutts DRE