

## **Let Nothing Stop You! Give All You've Got!** **Submitted by Minister Julia Mitchner**

**Luke 21:2-4 (NIV)**

*<sup>2</sup>He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. <sup>3</sup>“Truly I tell you,” He said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. <sup>4</sup>All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”*

My brothers and sisters, we are on the battlefield for the Lord. There's a war going on and there is much work to do! God's army, is getting stronger and more powerful because we are studying, praying, worshipping, and fasting more! I pray that includes you. Satan would love nothing better than to stop you from moving forward. He has a plan to block you, so he puts obstacles in your way. Obstacles called pandemic, fear, lack of confidence, financial hardship, relationship issues, increasing violence, political discord, wars, and rumors of wars are all distractions to keep you from accomplishing the assignment God spoke to you.

Sometimes these distractions can make you feel like you have nothing to offer that could make a difference in this whole messy world. If the widow in the story had felt that way, she would have kept her two little mites and stayed home but she did not. She seriously had extraordinarily little but was willing to give everything she had to advance God's work. She let nothing stop her from getting there and nothing distract her even though she saw many giving so much more. All she cared about was doing her part.

Whatever your distraction, stand up and FACE it! Don't let it stop you! Take a few lessons from the Bible as we see David did not let the size of Goliath stop him from killing him, Esther did not let her fear stop her from going before the king, the woman with the issue of blood did not let her inability get through the crowd standing stop her from getting her healing, the four friends did not let a crowded doorway stop them from getting their friend to Jesus, blind Bartimaeus did not let negative boisterous people around him stop him from receiving his miracle and Jesus did not let a cruel cross in front of Him stop Him from completing the assignment of saving our souls. The one thing all these people did was, like the widow, they gave all they had for the kingdom. A songwriter wrote in honor of soldiers who fought in the wars: “Some gave some, but some gave all.” Be determined to hear Jesus say of you as He said of the widow “She... has put in all she had.” He was talking about her money but I'm talking about your life.

What I'm encouraging you to do is this: Every morning wake up knowing, that because I have Jesus, I am not defeated. Nothing can stop me today. And then, DO whatever you have to do to defeat that obstacle; whether crawling around it, climbing over it, crashing through it, or standing up to, just don't let it stop you from giving your all. Give all you've got!