

## A Brown Paper Bag

A vital part of our obedience to God is giving. Leslie B. Flynn illustrated this kind of personal charity in his book, *Worship*.

He wrote, "A man was packing a shipment of food contributed by a school for the poor people of Appalachia. He was separating beans from powdered milk, and canned vegetables from canned meats. Reaching into a box filled with various cans, he pulled out a little brown paper sack. Apparently one of the pupils had brought something different from the items on the suggested list.

"Out of the paper bag fell a peanut butter sandwich, an apple and a cookie. Crayoned in large letters was a little girl's name, *Christy – Room 104*. She had given up her lunch for some hungry person."

That child's parents – if they knew it – could be very proud of their daughter. She understands the joy in life that comes from helping others.

Whenever we give out of a heart of concern for people in need, we are making a sacrifice that pleases the Lord. "But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices is God well pleased" (Hebrews 13:16).

Every day, in the centers of Life Care and Century Park, and in the work of Life Care at Home, that promise is fulfilled.

And it brings a personal reward all its own.

--Beecher Hunter