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## **Crumbs**

## Get in Line and Get Yours

It always amazes me when I hear about how much money the federal government spends on everything except the poor. They budget millions of dollars for the poor but if you divide that amongst the people in need, it's no more than crumbs. Now the billionaires will decide how to spend the federal funds for the next four years. How can they know what the poor need? Their needs are not the same. Most low and middle class families are only one broken stove, a leaking roof, or a disabled car away from a disastrous vear. But the billionaires will decide the outcome of our lives for the next four years. They don't have to decide who in their families will go to Anyone who college. wants to go can all go because money's no object, and their children don't with graduate overwhelming debt. I'm convinced that they don't want the poor to be successful. They don't want the competition. If they did the poor would already be successful. That's why they keep them scraping the bottom for the crumbs. When the poor do find a way to make it they change the rules. Remember when a neighbor could watch your kid after school...no more, now you have to declare funds to the recipient on your taxes. They call that childcare. Some rich congress person thought it was a great idea to regulate the babysitter. Why is it that congress never helps the poor? They say they do, but the poor usually remain poor. I



mean generations of poverty. If there is some sort of help through grants or the like, the bar is often set so high that only a few can jump high enough to reach it and reap the benefits. What about James Mattis the retired Marine General who was asked to be Secretary of Defense. had not been retired long retirement long enough to qualify for the position...duh...he's not qualified. But here we go, bend the rule or make a new rule to get this guy

on board. I bet you a dollar my application would get that thank you for applying letter. You didn't get the job because you did not meet the minimum requirements therefore you are not qualified... end of story. He's retired he doesn't need a The folks who job. have everything always get more. The folks who need everything get the crumbs.

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