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Fw: Expert advice from Dr. Drew re how to handle an addict, etc. go to 21minutes or so...

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Sister ****,

In responding to my friend's e-mail, I wound up writing something of a social justice letter. Wondering what you think of it, Janice

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From: JG

To:

Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 11:30:18 PM EST

Subject: Re: Expert advice from Dr. Drew re how to handle an addict, etc. ….

interesting, but what i find most amazing is the stories on a show like Unshackled, where the Holy Spirit virtually instantly frees people of addictions. I think that experiencing the genuine love of God can heal the pain, the loneliness, the despair, the hopelessness that drive people to use drugs in the first place. We are turning into a nation of dope fiends, but I think that it is man's false ideas of "civilization" and "the meaning of life" that are driving this circle of stress and despair. Man's ways have had thousands of years of testing, and have resulted in wars and rumors of wars; poverty and injustice abound. It is time to turn the reins of our lives over to God Almighty. That is where the answers lie. That is where healing begins. Any other approach takes years and years and many don't make it through the programs, and when they do what do they have? Meaning in their lives? Faith and trust in God? So there is recidivism, in addiction treatment programs and in jails at a high rate, because the vacuums in their lives have not been filled with God's Holy Spirit. What the world needs now is love, especially Divine Love.

We can utterly destroy Venezuela and kids will make "dope" out of oven cleaner. Just like in Prohibition, we took away Budweiser and people turned to toxic moonshine, because they just wanted and needed to get buzzed and drunk. As long as Americans demand drugs by the millions, supply will materialize-- if not from Venezuela, then from China, then from our own government legalizing drugs in the name of raising more tax revenues from them. In my view, it is a demand problem, at the root a spiritual problem, and that is where we should be focused as a nation. But the blind cannot lead the blind. It takes churches and believers to step up and interact with these suffering, lost people-- to affirm their humanity, self-dignity; to give them hope and purpose in life. It is a tall order, and unbridled capitalism is not Biblical, not God's way, and turns people into stress-ed out machines. You can heal a man, but when he steps back into this man-eating world, he turns again to drugs and alcohol and sex to numb his pain, which has quickly returned once he is out of a sheltered environment.

Americans are smoking and vaping and getting high in larger and larger numbers. When the fast food workers and other workers have to keep up an unrelenting pace, their only allowed short break is if they go outside to smoke and vape. There is no such thing as a "prayer break" or a "peace of mind" break. So, these people are broken. If they don't quit their jobs or get fired for "lack of performance," then their marriages and illicit relationships will suffer from stress that spills over from work, from bills that can barely be paid with a working wage, and so on. So the person who vaped on his break gets drunk at home. That is the lifestyle of millions upon millions of Americans today. We are a society that is like Jesus said of the Pharisees: they are like whitewashed tombs with the rotting corpses of men inside. We are rotting from the inside-out. Our children get high because the reality is that they are considering killing themselves, and getting high at least steers them away from that edge-- until they overdose and die anyway. Children are killing their peers in schools, and then killing themselves. It is a cycle of despair that blowing up "drug" boats in the "Gulf of America" will not remedy. Blowing up boats and threatening military intervention in a foreign country is at best a shadow show-- a distraction from the reality of the situation that has the potential to turn our children into cannon fodder. Is that a better future than the stoned-out lives they lead now?

Those are some of my feelings. Like you, God has drawn this issue-- this crisis-- to my attention, where it has affected me body, mind, and Spirit as I suffer for the sufferings of my fellow Americans, my fellow human beings. We can pray that God will intervene in these lives, but we need to be humble, lose the national ego-fest mentality, and make lives liveable for human beings made in the image of God himself. They are not meant to be slaves or drones or robo-people. Forcing them into those roles produces great wealth and power for a few people, but leaves the workers leading lives of desperation, from which the drug problem grows and flows as they try to escape the bleak realities of their lives. They have lost the ability to dream and to hope for better days. Where there is no vision, the Bible says, the people perish. Children raised in the homes of these suffering people absorb the suffering and literally wish themselves to

be dead. They see no world in which they would like to participate-- only one that wants to use them, even to the point of using them up. A world where decisions are made on the next quarter's profits, and hence is producing an environment in which we can barely drink the water that comes out of our public water works-- once one of the great signs of "progress." When they fall from the front lines, another desperate soul is lured by economic pressures into their vacant post, and the cycle continues. Welcome to America 2025; welcome to Babylon.



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