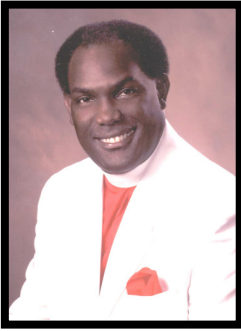


## **Ask Bishop Dennison**



***Q.*** *My mother told me that she is experiencing a rough time financially. I am able and willing to help her, but I am absolutely positive that she will use at least some of the money that I give her to support her drug habit. I certainly feel obligated to help her because she is my mother, but I don't want to support her drugging lifestyle. Please advise.*

**A.** It is always a desire and a delight for a child to help a struggling parent. This is usually done out of love, as a feeling of obligation, or to repay a parent for the love and support given to a child over the years. Please encourage your mother to seek help for her drug habit. I suggest that since you are absolutely positive that your mother will use the money that you give her to support her drug habit, you should offer to pay certain bills or make certain purchases for her. The following examples might be helpful. 1) Help her with her utilities (lights, phone, water, and/or gas). 2) Help her with her rent or mortgage note. 3) Help her with the purchasing of groceries and personal/household items. Inform your mother that it is your intention and desire to continue to assist her and one of the ways she can show you her gratitude is to seek professional and Godly help immediately. Her failure to do so will leave you with no other choice but to suspend your financial assistance. Whatever you choose to do for her financially, please do not put cash in her hands.

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