

DAVE SAYS:

Sister Needs An Attitude Adjustment

Dear Dave,
My older sister hasn't worked in two years. She hasn't even looked for a job, she's 36, and she's been living with our parents the whole time. They want to set her up in an apartment and pay the rent, but I think this is a bad idea. I love her, but what can you do for someone like this?

Dee
Dear Dee,
First of all, your parents aren't helping matters. She needs a job and a future, and she's not going to find either one as long as mom and dad are enabling her irresponsible behavior. It's sad for parents when they see their children harming themselves through their own stupidity and laziness. She's being both stupid and lazy, and unfortunately, these

things aren't illegal. There may not be a great ending to this story, because it all rests on your sister. She has the entire family tied up in knots, and in a sense, she's controlling everyone right now. But if you want my advice, here it is. Give her the address of the nearest homeless shelter, and send her on her way.

Right now, she's not just lazy and irresponsible, she's arrogant. And arrogance can only be erased after someone has been broken. When she's been broken, then she'll be coachable. In situations like this, you have to love someone enough to let them be broken. Otherwise, they'll continue in the same destructive behavior pattern.

This is sad, and I wish none of you were



Dave
RAMSEY

involved in such a mess. But she's had the opportunity to stop this inappropriate behavior at any point during the last two years. Chances are, if she'll change her attitude and become more humble and trainable, she can build from there.

—Dave

The car or the snowball?

Dear Dave,
We're working on our debt snowball and are scheduled to become debt-free except for our home a year from now. The problem is I've got a very old car that's on its last legs. Would it be okay for us to put the debt snowball on hold for a month or two, and save up money for a newer, inexpensive used car that's in better shape?

Jonathan

Dear Jonathan,
I'd hold on to it if your car can make it a while longer. But if it's really on its last legs, and you're about to fall through a rusted floorboard, you might consider your plan. You need to ask yourself if

you're just whining, or if it's an actual situation.

It sounds like you guys are doing a fabulous job so far of paying down your debt. Even if you take a month or two off to save up for a better car, you'll still have everything paid off except the house in about the same period of time. I'm not going to fuss about a couple of months' difference in this kind of situation.

Doesn't it feel great when you actually sit down and take a moment to think and formulate a plan instead of just wandering around lost? You guys have thought this thing out, and now you're ready to move ahead with a sensible idea!

—Dave

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The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
1. "Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior" lead role
 4. Anthropologist Margaret
 8. Laura Petrie's hubby
 11. "Life ___ House"; 2001 Kevin Kline movie
 12. Prefix before sphere
 13. Ending for direct or arm
 14. Role on "NCIS" (2)
 17. Fore and ___
 18. Part of the title of Angela Lansbury's hit series
 19. "America's ___ Wanted"
 21. "___ Wives"
 24. "I ___ Number Four"; 2011 movie
 25. Self-help org.
 26. "Rachel Gunn, ___"; 1992 sitcom
 27. "___ Sunshine"
 28. "19 ___ and Counting"
 30. Middle East nation
 32. "___ of Practice"
 34. "___ Given Sunday"; Al Pacino movie
 35. "Modern Family" role (2)
 41. Bonnie Franklin's "One Day at a Time" role
 42. PBS science series
 43. Stacey's man
 44. Rhoda's ma
 45. Actor Richard
 46. "... The house is a museum, when people come to ___ 'em ..."
- DOWN**
1. Calendar abbr.
 2. "___ was saying ..."
 3. "___ Family" (1983-90)
 4. Damon, for one
 5. Haile Selassie's nation: abbr.



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