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Phyllis Nilsson wrote:

"With the price of cigarettes, he'd probably be able to get his car fixed if he gave them up."

I was kinda thinking this but didn't want to sound like a hardass or a stick in the mud. We all have our little vices that make life a little more interesting or tolerable, but we have to know when to sacrifice for our own well-being.

Kind of on topic, I wonder what others' opinions are on being "obligated" to help care for parents who aren't elderly, but rather their health problems and disabilities are a result of poor choices rather than aging. What then? The scenario: Three siblings, 1 divorced male long-haul truck driver, 1 single male who owns his own home and is looking to get married, 1 married daughter with 4 children. Mother divorced, 56 years old (so not elderly) but disabled and unable to work for the past year due to complications of diabetes, and super morbidly obese, mostly confined to a wheelchair. Okay, you guessed it; this is my family's situation. My mother has been morbidly obese and diabetic for over 10 years, and at least 5 years ago, resigned herself to a wheelchair. My youngest brother is really the only one that has any room for her (my older brother rents a room from our younger brother as he is only home 1 week out of 5; and I have a 3 bedroom home with 6 people and refuse to put all the children in 1 room or have any of them share a room with her), and the situation seemed to be okay while she was able to pay her way, though it certainly wasn't ideal. She is very abrasive and hostile, yells obscenities, and honestly she is extremely lazy and slobbish. About a year ago, she was hospitalized for a DVT and then transferred to a skilled nursing facility. She actually stayed with me for a couple of months but her abuse was outlandish. Even picking her up from the hospital, she had threatened by 4-year-old that "if you don't shut up, I'm gonna shove my fist down your throat." I absolutely refuse to have my children around her anymore because no matter how much you confront her, she always has some sort of "justification" for her behavior. I feel really sorry for my brother because he can't bring himself to tell her to go even though she belittles him, calls him all sorts of filthy obscenities if he

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doesn't wait on her hand and foot (he finally refused to do