

Homelessness and how to cope with it: Erica Jermanus

Homelessness is on the rise today in the world. There are many people that are living on the streets without a home and without adequate food and water. When you are homeless you lack stable housing and basic resources needed to survive. Many homeless live on the streets or in shelters or in hotels and motels or in their cars because they do not have a permanent home to go to. Many are without jobs and cannot afford to make a living to provide for a home, so they live on the streets. But God does not want us to live like this. God wants us to experience the abundant life that He wants to give us. He does not want us living in poverty. Poverty is the plan of the enemy. God wants us to live in a safe and secure environment where our needs are met daily.

God wants to provide for the homeless people homes, jobs, and transportation. But many of them do not want help because they enjoy being homeless. But God wants to provide these homeless people with permanent housing and food and water and clothing. He is the ultimate provider, and He wants to take care of us and our needs when we seek Him for provision. He is going to provide for us if we are willing to ask Him

for what we need and thank Him for what we have and what He has already done for us.

Many homeless people live in unsafe conditions, such as living in boarding houses or unstable places, because they do not want to ask for help or get help from God, so they settle for less than what God has for them. Many do not want to get out of those environments because they are used to it and are comfortable with it. Many homeless people have lost their homes or got evicted from their homes because they could not afford the rent or pay the bills. But if they were willing to reach out to Jesus Christ and ask Him for help and provision, He would have provided and made a way for them to either stay where they were at or go somewhere else.

There are other factors that contribute to homelessness, which include a lack of access to healthcare, education, and economic opportunities, as well as discrimination. There are many homeless people that are not able to find jobs right away, so they do not work, or they are on disability benefits. But God does not want us to live like that. He wants us to work to serve His kingdom or work a job that serves Jesus

Christ and wins souls. Even if the homeless start a ministry or a business. God will provide the funds that are needed to start. God will make a way for the homeless to get a home if they are willing to seek Him for provision and do what it takes to get back on their feet again. Philippians 4:19 says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Many homeless people struggle with mental health symptoms such as substance abuse, which can make it difficult for the homeless to get jobs and homes and to keep them. The homeless need to be willing to get help and freedom and deliverance from their addictions and seek counsel from God and others so they can be free. John 8:36 says, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." There are also people who have fled abusive situations who are homeless as well. But Jesus Christ can help them, heal their hearts, and restore their lives if they are willing to go to Him.

Experiencing homelessness can lead to health problems including respiratory infections, mental health problems, and increased risk of violence. Homelessness can have an effect on families and

communities. Lack of housing is a violation of human rights. Isaiah 53:5 says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."