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As a landlord, I have assisted many tenants to upgrade their living conditions. One particular family I facilitated them getting into a nice mobile home which was an upgrade from the camper they had been living in.

They lacked the skills or interest to care for the home such as housekeeping, vacuuming, or making repairs. They did not pay rent excusing themselves from that obligation because the wife needed to be taken out to dinner every night.

We rented it to a man who had fallen on some hard times. We brought him into the company we were working for and gave him a \$5000 a month job.

We gave him reduced rates and helped him in various ways. He rewarded us by never paying any rent, punching holes in the walls and not reporting water leaks. Leaving us with the cost to repair a trashed home.

Oregon rental laws support this destructive behavior.

When a person is given some thing that they have not earned nor are ready to take care of they will not value it.

I experienced along with my siblings, what it was like to be evicted when I was a child growing up. My father did not take care of the rent, and we were evicted once a year for 8 years. That experience and the teachings of our mother to love God and be a good citizen lead my siblings, and I to pay our rent and mortgages respecting our obligations.

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