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I just watched on the national news this morning and CBS reported that the increased homicide in Baltimore is due to lack of accountability. It is a HUGE mistake to give anyone anything without accountability because by doing so you enabling rather than empowering people. What we need more of is the hand up rather than the hand out mentality. Being helped by a church is low barrier. If you want to get people off of the streets then put them in state run facilities if they balk at a church were they are required to be treated for drugs/alcohol and get education and training to be self sufficient. If they have mental disabilities that prevent them from ever being able to take care of themselves, then state run housing it is until they pass on! What we need is accountability for how our tax \$ is spent rather than \$ handouts.