



Alcohol Mastery

Is Drinking Making Your Home Life Unhappy?

Transcript

This is Alcohol Mastery, my name is Kevin O'Hara, and today's question is, "Is drinking making your home life unhappy?" It's the second question of the Johns Hopkins 20 Questions...

The question itself was written in the 1930's and I think it could probably do with a little bit of tweaking...You should be asking yourself is your family suffering because of your drinking? You know, are there a lot of altercations in your house because of drinking? Would your family rather that you weren't there when you were drinking? Other one might be... are you on your own because of drinking?

I think this question is most pertinent to you if you've got a family at home...if you've got children...



There was a study done in the US in 2002 which said that five million adults, who had a drinking problem, or who were abusing alcohol in some way, were in charge of at least one child.

Nobody needs me to tell them, the devastation that can be caused to a family, when one of the parents has got an alcohol abuse problem...

A big fallacy about this question is that only poor people are going to suffer from alcoholism, that it only affects poor households...and it's true to a certain extent that if you've got alcohol problems and you've got money problems in the same house then it's just going to exacerbate the problem...you know...there's going to be less money for food, less money for clothes, bills, that kind of thing, because money is being spent on alcohol...

But middle class people also have alcohol problems in their own homes, they just know how to manage it and hide it a lot better than poor people do...they don't go out and get pissed out of their brains and crash cars, not for the most part anyway...

My own story, I was always a happy drunk with other people, joking and laughing and coming out with ludicrous stuff, you know, acting the eejit...and as soon as I was on my own, I'd start out watching a movie, then I'd stick on itunes and start listening to music and the music would get more and more sombre...and eventually I'd become more and more maudlin and become an emotional drunk...crying at



silly songs, that kind of stupidity, that was my drinking... and crash out on the couch, wake up in the morning with a dirty big hangover, and wouldn't wanna talk to anyone for the rest of the day...

I think one of the worst things is that I'd get more narky, I'd start picking on, picking fault with things when I got drunk...and a lot of the time I didn't know I was doing it until the next day, until I was told...I definitely didn't remember doing stuff like that...

So that's the second question, "Is drinking making your home life unhappy?" and to me that's up there if you've got a family.

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Come back again, we'll be starting the third question next week, so just keep an eye out...



My name's Kevin O'Hara, I hope you've got something out of this video, this is Alcohol Mastery.

