

LOVE HUMOUR AND PRIDE

Every human being is gifted with two of the most wonderful **human** emotions that anyone can experience:

LOVE. A SENSE OF HUMOUR.

The problem here is that many do not use them. I noticed in a recent newspaper article that couples are falling out and destroying their relationships because one accuses the other of not doing enough to help with the household chores, and it suggested that in these situations, people should use therapists.

What I found strange was that the article never mentioned the above two human emotions. They were never mentioned once, and I wondered if, in such marriages, there was any real love.

All married couples have their ups and downs, and some have hard ones, but loving one another and having a good sense of humour are great emotions that can help overcome their downs, in many cases without any need for counsellors or therapists.

Could such professionals be only needed when couples have no real love between them and lack a sense of humour?

Another problem is pride. A married colleague of mine with two children told me that his father had given him one piece of advice on his wedding day. He said that life is full of ups and downs. The ups are great, but where the downs are concerned, beware of pride.

He said that some pride, such as in our cleanliness are no problem, but when pride causes people to make excuses by saying "I have my pride" beware: such pride has been known to cause the breakup of friendships and even marriages.

My colleague said he was reminded of all this years later, again, when talking to his dad. He explained that his boss was continually picking on him for no reason, that he had his pride, and that he was going to give his notice the following morning.

His dad asked him if his pride could feed his children, clothe them, or look after them. He told him to forget his pride, find a new job first, then give in his notice, and finally reminded him of that famous saying - pride comes before a fall.

Love and humour are emotions we should explain to our children, as well as that problem called pride. Laughing makes you feel great; that's why good comedians always attract large audiences, and it's a great feeling when used with love.

Our Lord Jesus Christ often referred to LOVE, telling us that the only way our spiritual soul can get to heaven when we die is if we truly love God and our neighbour.

St. Paul also spoke about love as a true healer and that it is patient and kind, doesn't envy or boast and isn't proud. It always protects, trusts, hopes, preserves, endures, and never fails.

Love shouldn't stop between family members because it can be used to help others so long as it's done without any thought of recompense.

If people truly loved their partners and others, where is the necessity for pride? They would always be trying to help them and because of their love for each other, they wouldn't even think about checking if their other half was doing their fair share of work. Where there is truly shared love there are no real personal problems.

God uses his ultimate wisdom to tell us the importance of love. We should love him and our neighbours, but selfish pride and avariciousness cause people to neglect his advice. They do so at their peril, which is life in hell for all eternity for their spiritual souls when they die.

**NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE WONDER AND POWER OF LOVE
AND A GOOD LAUGH, AND BEWARE OF PRIDE.**