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Tell Me About It

Should I cut back on what 'makes live worth living'?

Q: I'm married to a kind, funny, cute man with an Ivy League Ph.D. We have two young children and two demanding careers.



CAROLYN HAX

I do all the planning of our lives. Children's playdates, their after-school and summer activities, birthday parties, date nights, social plans with friends. I am tired of this. Mainly of the emotional burden of getting buy-in from him and the girls, which consists of quizzing to find out their preferences and cheerleading them when they have understandable resistance to getting out of the house: "Won't this be fun?" "Wasn't that fun?" Since I make all the decisions, anything that goes wrong feels like my fault. For example, he said he didn't enjoy our recent holiday dinner that we've been hosting for the past 15 years, because it was too much work and chaos with so many children attending. I felt the same way, but it stung because I spearheaded the planning with zero input from him. We had a heart-to-heart the other night and he said his focus right now is the kids and his job, and he just doesn't have much energy for anything else. That apparently includes

our relationship, his former hobbies and all the stuff that makes life worth living.

I'm thinking about dropping my end of the tug-of-war — make my own plans and he can come along if he wants. I suggested we split the week down the middle, so I just make plans for half the days. He thought that was a good idea. But that feels more like a custody arrangement than a marriage. I am seriously questioning whether I want to be here for another 20 years.

A: What say you split your plans down the middle — then toss one of the halves.

Because you're carrying too much of the mental load, yes — but the mental load also appears to be in service of total family social overload.

"Understandable resistance"? That's a sign. As is their need to be told they're having fun. And your husband's wanting out of the work and chaos of what is supposed to be leisure.

They're begging you: Dial it back. Please.

There may also be some attitude in your husband's attitude, but you won't know for sure till you give him, and it, a rest.

This doesn't mean you quit everything — just that you unbuzz, chill. Your careers are demanding, kids are demanding, now your fun demands are demanding. The givable something is the something that's gotta give.

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Garage Sale

GARAGE SALES - HILLSBOROUGH
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GARAGE SALES - HILLSBOROUGH

Brandon - Belle Timbre Ave, 909 Sat. 8 - 4. Garage / Estate Sale. Furniture, antiques, tools, small appliances, Home wares, and more!

Odessa - Rainbow Ter, 17122 Sat. & Sun. 8 - ? Huge sale to benefit EARS Rescue. Household items, decorations, pictures, furniture, pet supplies. All proceeds for EARS rescue a local dog rescue and sanctuary.

Ruskin - Tanana Fall Dr, 611 Sat. 8-7. Riverbend Community. Various items from A-Z. Don't miss out.

Tampa Aegean Dr, 4335 unit 150A Brandy Chase Condos. Sat only 10-2. White Range& fridge, dining set, & much misc.

Valrico - S St. Cloud Ave, 1318. Fri. 8-1, Sat. 8-1. Large 3 Family Yard Sale - Furn., HH & Glassware, Books, Clothes & Misc.

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Dear Abby

Church music director hides her drinking problem well

Q: The music director at our church — I'll call her Mildred — is an alcoholic. Mildred is a nighttime drinker and imbibes until 2 a.m. She says she can't get to sleep until the "middle of the night."

I was married to an alcoholic for years, yet I had no idea Mildred had a problem.

Should I say anything to the administrator of the church? It's my word against Mildred's, and her problem will be discovered sooner or later. Your advice?



JEANNE PHILLIPS

Getting Involved in the East

A: If Mildred's drinking negatively affects her work, tell the administrator. If not, keep the bad tidings to yourself. However, in the future, if appropriate, be ready to share information about support resources available to her.

My husband loves the word 'no'

Q: What does it mean when your husband answers everything with "no"? For example, if I ask, "Are you watching *This Old House*?" he says, "No, I'm watching *This Old House*." He doesn't even realize he does it. This happens almost every time I ask a question. Do you have any insight?

Talked Out in Texas

A: Your husband may be joking or not paying close attention when you ask him a question. I assume that you have told him how this bothers you. (If you haven't, you should.) If it continues, reframe the way you ask your questions.

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