

What profession do you think this person who gave me these words worked in?

He was an Electrician.

Get it? The Light. Haha.

I know, I'm NOT FUNNY. But hey, at least I'm trying. You've really got to pay attention to understand my humor. I actually tell bad jokes - especially puns - on purpose. I crack myself up because I think it's hilarious. The worse the delivery, the better the joke.

I'm also NOT GOOD at giving toasts. But I think I'm just naturally awful at this. Back in my drinking days I made the worst toast ever. Funny thing is, I never even noticed!

It was our wedding anniversary. We had been married for close to 20 years at this point. We had just went out to dinner with family to celebrate. On the way home I came up with the idea for it. I bought some expensive tequila.

Tequila? For a toast?

Yes! I thought if I'm going to toast my wife it needed to be unmistakable. It needed to be unforgettable. She meant everything to

me and I wanted to make it known! You know, shout it from the rooftops kind of thing.

So, there we all were in the kitchen standing together. My Mom, her third husband. My Dad was her first and second! I'm still proud of how hard he tried. Sorry. Tangent.

Back to the kitchen. My Mom, her husband, my sister and her husband, and my special wife. After carefully pouring 6 shots and handing them out, I started my toast.

“To my wife. This is not fine wine, and neither are you.”

At this moment all of the oxygen in the room had been completely sucked out through everyone's teeth. I didn't notice because I was the only one who knew the toast was done. Besides that, I was taking my shot!

I was told years later by my brother-in-law how it came across to him. We still laugh about it to this day.

“I was shocked. Speechless. I didn't know what to say or think. What were you thinking?”

I thought the point was obvious.

“When I said ‘This isn’t fine wine’ I was referring to how much BETTER tequila was than wine. At least it was to me. To an alcoholic that’s quite a compliment!”

He shook his head in disbelief.

“No one else took it that way! A little bit of clarification would’ve helped!

If you’re wondering, I’m still married and I’ve been sober now for 12 years and counting! I’m just making light. Haha. Jesus said we are the light of the world.

*“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.”*

Matthew 6:14 NLT

Letting our light shine isn't about being humorous, all the time. That would be ridiculous. I encourage taking a break every now and again.

Haha.