

yiras shamayim

Posted by trying to change - 16 Feb 2012 21:28

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Re: yiras shamayim

Posted by gibbor120 - 16 Feb 2012 21:35

What is your track record? Has "adding yiras shomayim" helped you in the past?

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Posted by chaimyakov - 16 Feb 2012 21:45

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gibbor i cant answer that truly because deep down i know i didn't ever give it a real chance i always left a crack in the door open find some kind of hatter. this is my first time that i am really trying to stop (i hope its true and i am not bribed).

btw i find that tfiluh help a lot it give me a easy feeling and eases my pain.

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As Rav Yochanan Ben Zakai blessed his students, "May your fear of heaven be equal to your fear of man". And his students asked him: "Rebbe, is that all?". And he answered: "Halevai!".

Are you greater than the students of Rav Yochanan Ben Zakai??? Don't worry about your lack . As dov says, get off your truck and onto a tricycle. First worry about "not acting out", then you can worry about measuring your yiras shomayim.

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(BTW - that statement is not found in chazal. It is brought in some mussar seforim and I have heard alternative explanations as to what it means.)

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Posted by tehillimzugger - 18 Feb 2012 18:34

[In control BSD wrote on 23 Oct 2011 13:19:](#)

of emunah. You are in good company.

I was roaming around GYE today and i noticed one of the screen names "silent battle" and it

got me thinking. We all fall because the yetser hara convinces us that we are alone and we think no one, not even Hashem, knows what we are about to do. (as a side point, if we were to **really** live with the constant reality that hashem is with us, we wouldn't sin. Imagine being in the presence of a gadol hador with his full undivided attention all on you, would you even be thinking of sin?? something to think about). I couldn't have thought of a better name myself, it **is** a "silent battle" that each and everyone of us go through daily, with no one to talk to who can understand and really help. not to mention the embarrassment that one has to go through in telling your Rav whom respected you as a talmid and ben torah, that you have an uncontrollable, taivah related addiction. But **here** is where it all changes, we no longer have to suffer in silence, we no longer fight alone, together we form a battalion, a legion of soldiers that are fighting as one, all for one and one for all.

We are soldiers fighting a "milchemes hashem" and when soldiers come home from a battlefield triumphant and jubilant, they are made into heroes by their fellow comrades, this gives them the strength to stand another day.

With all my brethren on GYE I know that I have an army of fighters behind me everyday, that will share my pain and help me heal, strengthening me to fight till the end. I don't know how I ever thought I stood a chance by myself.

Please do not underestimate the power each of us have to help others and ourselves. You can help change a life, or save a marriage by a simple word of encouragement. You are a vital piece in a jigsaw puzzle that can paint an awesome picture when put together with all the other pieces, a picture that expresses the power of am yisrael - k' ish echad b'lev echad (a nation that is like one man with one heart) at one with ourselves, at one with each other and at one with the almighty. much hatslacha to all. your success is my success, you will all be in my prayers. kol tov Dan

[TehillimZugger wrote on 23 Oct 2011 14:52:](#)

) anyway, he used to have a problem waking up in the morning, one of our friends once asked him "[his name], the rebbe comes to wake you up and you just ignore him?"

he answered, "suppose he's **not** your father, he's still the REBBE but he comes to wake you every single day, would you still have a problem ignoring him?"

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Posted by obormottel - 19 Feb 2012 05:06

A gute voch, friend.

My two cents are as follows: would you consider going on the computer on shabbos to watch porn? If the answer is "absolutely not!" that tells us two things: 1) you have a certain degree of yiras shomaim;2) masturbating and watching porn is not a religious issue for you.

So increasing your yiras shomaim may make you a better shomer shabbos, but its a wrong prescription to treat the issue of porn addiction.

Have u read the Handbook?

Mottel

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Posted by kidushashem - 19 Feb 2012 05:56

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The thing is, can a wife expect to build a relationship with her husband while she cheats on him? Even if she washes the dishes, raises his children and does everything else right, her betrayal of her husband is usurping and undermining the fundamentals of the relationship! Even if she wants to stop cheating and find favor in the eyes of her husband, it will take her a long time to do so, all the while scrupulously showing him her devotion and love.

The same is true with us. Trying to build up your Yiras Shamayim on your own will most likely be futile. You can go and learn mussar or chassidus, do mitzvos and learn Torah, but this will not lead to a building of your relationship with Hashem b/c you will not be able to stay sober long enough to do so. If you end up falling into lust while you're trying to build your relationship with Him, what value does it have? What does all your service to Him mean if you're ruining the foundation of the relationship while doing these external things? You need a Rebbi and a good friend to help you get there and they need to know exactly what the issue is and they can help you through with it. I believe that that is what the 12 steps group essentially is (co addicts and sponsors= Rebbi+Chaver). The less good options are trying the forum and 12 step calls (a step up from the forum) where you can develop relationships with people who can help you get better and *change your character traits/* develop Yiras Shamayim.

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I'll start from the end the first step of the 12 is that you can not help yourself! ok so i am not convinced that that is the case i still hope and believe that i could help myself fact i'm clean for 10 days.

I think that you have a very strong point that living with emunah does not happen over night, but falling while working does not mean that all work that was done went down the drain (i hope i will not fall) b/c slowly slowly you get it to work for a longer time.

mottel

your point proves that i'm right i would never be mchalel shabbos but do go to all kinds of sites and m... does that mean the "masturbating and watching porn is not a religious issue for me"? or that it is not as chusiv like shabbos? so increasing my yiras shomayim will help me feel to porn like shabbos,

I am reading the hand book now.

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You wouldn't if your wife were watching you before you fell, but if she walks in on you with your pants down ten times [ok, you probably wouldn't be together anymore, so let's say it was a really really really good friend- like a fellow GYE'er ;)] you wouldn't think twice before the elevnth- what that means is that while Yiras Shomayim may have worked that first time-- you've lost you're chance to work through Yirah, now you can build up your yirah to tower of Babel proportions but it won't help, vedoik.

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www.guardyoureyes.org/forum/index.php?topic=4695.msg133430#msg133430

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allow me to pipe in here

from my experience yiras shomayim is not enough. I've tried that approach for over 30 years. Am I lacking in yiras shamayim? perhaps. I assume that there are different levels and we have to know ourselves and to function on the level that we are at. You cant hold yourself to a higher level and then berate yourself for not living up to it, if it isnt realistic for you. That's exactly how the YH plays with our brains. He tells us to do the aveira and then after the fact turns into our mashgiach and says hey! you're terrible! Where's your yiras shomayim?!

Forget that idiot! You are what you are. you want to work on yiras shamayim, go ahead. But at the same time you have to find other ways of dealing with this problem. screaming yiras shamayim and learning mussar isnt enough for us. It may be for others. As someone very wise here on the forum told me when i started, our buttons our controls are all stuck, messed up. The normal stuff doesnt work. First get unstuck, get control, and then after a while you'll be able to really focus on yiras shamayim.

I may be wrong, its just my personal opinion from my experience.

b'hatzlacha!

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