

I need help, please

Posted by some_guy - 13 May 2012 16:44

I have not done this before, both the posting and the opening up, but I will try to do my best. Please tell me if anything I post is inappropriate in any way. I am not married and a little younger than most GYE members. My family is not religious, but I have been trying to be for about a year now. Before that, I would masturbate whenever I was stressed. I did it almost every night. I've never even taken drugs or alcohol (except for kiddish) so masturbating was my only coping method. You have to understand that because I was secular I did not see anything wrong with it. Well, when I learned from my Rabbi that Jews should not do that, I said I would just stop. Lot easier said than done. Since trying to stop, I have been able to go only 2-3 days without falling again. And when I do fall, I get so depressed that I end up falling again and again. My Rabbi always tells me that it is natural to have these urges and I am better than everyone else for just trying to stop. Is it also natural to not be able to stop. Why do I lack the self control to just stop? I get so depressed after falling that I see a therapist to deal with my depression. I have never told him why I am always so depressed, partly because I don't feel comfortable with him. I just don't know what to do. Sometimes I feel that I should just give-up and trust that these feelings will disappear when I get older. Does that make sense, or is my evil inclination trying to trick me? Addiction is defined as not being able to stop a dangerous coping method because of the user's dependence on it. That describes me perfectly. Can I really be an addict when I am only 16 years old? I just don't know, I don't know. Please if anyone can help me in any way I would be forever grateful. I just don't understand. Please, I need help.

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Re: I need help, please

Posted by Eye.nonymous - 15 Jun 2013 23:18

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Good luck,

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Re: I need help, please

Posted by gibbor120 - 17 Jun 2013 22:20

I know a great place where you can find more tools guardyoureyes.com/ebooks/item/additional-

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Re: I need help, please

Posted by Chachaman - 19 Jun 2013 23:29

Some_guy, continue to post in our tcholent group! We can suspend the tehillim idea if it's preventing you from sharing.

Having read all (at least most) of your thread and after talking with you, I came up with things that might be helpful:

#1: Define your motivation to stop. Why are you on GYE valiantly trying to recover? It is acceptable to do it for religious reasons--that's the reason why I at least am recovering. The thing is, though, it can't be "because a Rabbi said so". It is very important to:

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-Learn a bit about the nature of the issur (prohibition)

-Make learning a part of your day. Pick up an Artscroll-I would recommend tractate Berachos

("blessings") as a starting point. There's also a good series called "a daily dose of Torah", also from Artscroll. Artscroll has several other great series--at least have a tractate of Mishnah that you are learning (Yad avrohom mishnah series)! Torah is the lifeblood of the Jewish people.

-If you choose to make the focus of your struggle about getting closer to God, it's not enough to "sur mera", or to "turn from evil" (quoting Tehillim 34). It's also important to "aseh tov", or do good. Stopping this isn't enough--it's part and parcel of changing for good. To give you a taste of my experience: stopping p* and instead spending hte day on other parts of the internet is not as bad, but it inhibits recovery.

Okay. That's if you want to make religion your motivation--it's important to be clear with yourself on that. Also, it can be a PART of your motivation.

However, there are plenty of other good reasons to stop. As I already told you, for me it was:

"To stop living in a wierd double world, pretending that I am like the rest of hte kids at public school while I also wear a kippah and tzitzit and eschew contact with them. I will become more social, more competent, happier, less depressed, and finally deal with emotional issues from parental divorce and other experience. I will have a huge weight off my shoulders, and I will finally start to live".

It took me a long time to realize that that was my motivation, but it's a very important step.

2) You need hisorrerus, or awakening. You have to make a resolution that I am going to try to stop. You have to have the right attitude about the struggle--for that, it is posted everywhere on the forum. Read the Dov quotes; read Gibbor120's "My Home" and "Dr. Sorotzkin" links.

The point is, is that "life is possible without this, and I'm really going to start living". You stop making life about fall v. no fall and you continue living life. If a challenge comes up, it's not suddenly a critical part of life. Instead, you realize that this really doesn't need to be a part of your life, and it's a problem that you don't have to be ashamed of, as long as you are working to fix it.

Read Dov's latest post to "guy" and "george", I forgot where that thread was. (Gibbor, that

belongs in Dov Quotes, best of). It's located on this thread guardyoureyes.com/forum/19-Introduce-Yourself/208841-whats-the-point?limit=15&start=30, and here's what Dov wrote:

Dear Georgenuevenuevenueve (and maybe Guy, too),

Working on the cause of your pain. Isn't that a thing you (and Guy) have been doing for quite some time already? I believe with my whole heart that what you describe is a valiant search for the Holy Grail...and it goes on forever, taking on a life of it's own. A run towards finding myself that never ends, for it is really AWAY from ourselves, in disguise.

And why should that be so? Maybe because:

The searcher has not yet accepted the 'sudden', inconvenient fact that using his drug has been screwing up his mind, his relations with others, and his relationship with his own G-d, for years and years...and that he will not stop using his drug no matter how much 'blessed insight' he compiles. I suggest this is true based on my own experience and from what I keep seeing and hearing from guys again and again: people have an all-consuming desire to figure this thing out while still holding onto the option of using their drug. "I will only really let go of (surrender up) my right or option to have sex with myself once you fix this," we all say. And we are not evil. We are sincere. We are good people.

Toveil v'sheretz beyado, I call it. The 'tevilah' is: figuring it out so I can free myself, and the 'holding [of] the sheretz' is the fantasy that: no real surrender is necessary - that there is no absolute need for me to to give up my drug beforehand. So many of us go that way simply because we are deathly ashamed and afraid of letting go of our secret - so we need to fix it ourselves, quietly. We assume that is our 'avodas Hashem'.

But my calling for surrender first, taking real actions of opening up and doing whatever it takes to keep to it for today - seems silly to many folks. And as Guy puts it so well: it's basically insulting my intelligence! It recalls our old words: "Na'aseh v'nishma", no?

But there you may say, na'aseh v'nishma makes sense when talking to G-d! But here who are we talking to?! A bunch of addicts sharing their recovery and promising riches?

I will tell you who I think we are usually talking to and bargaining with, here:

Our god. Sweet orgasm. Sweet porn. All the sweet faces and figures we want and so deeply believe in our guts that we can't survive without..."you mean never again!? What? Are you insane? I can't possibly live without this stuff. It's what's beautiful and sweet about life. Life-giving. Sha'ashu'ai!" Do we not believe this at least as much as any of the Ani Ma'amins?

I am dead serious. We follow the sweetness of the image of the hot lady we see on the computer, at the supermarket, at shul, in the bed, wherever...because we are tied to it like dogs. We worship it and love it. Yep, it's love. It's the real deveikus - for us, no matter how frum we are nor how much we sincerely also cry at L'cho Dodi every Friday night. They co-exist. Ah, the miracle of the frum porn addict.

How could we ever seriously give it up even just for today? So we do not...even if we stop for a while.

Yes, sure - we can hold back for today, or for 10 days or whatever...but to honestly give it up even just for today? That's an entirely new ball-game. Guys here generally do not do that. Rather, they dig in, take a deep breath, misread "one day at a time", and think that holding their breath for a while is 'sobriety'. It isn't. Anyone can hold his or her breath for a while. But it's not much use cuz eventually you gotta breathe, no? It's just a matter of time. Anyone here interested in seeing how long we can hold our breath for and making a contest of it and call it 'chizzuk'? Not me.

I'll take giving it up for just today over that, anyday!

Do you understand me here, George (and Guy)? Or is this just gibberish? I'm pouring out my heart here.

Therapy and doing some real work to get free of some of the deep things that you are in real pain about will definitely help you a lot! Most of us probably need that, regardless. But if you are

like many of us, the gift of therapy or pf figuring it out will not do us much good, if any, unless you and I surrender the right to lusting and are abstinent from it (our drug of choice) during that process.

Not a convenient suggestion, I know.

The self-honesty that Guy and George are sharing here with us is so rare, so precious!

I respectfully suggest that Guy is just too angry at the G-d he calls Hashem and demands Hashem to answer for His sins first . And I just as respectfully suggest that George just needs to remain in religious or intellectual control of the situation and understand it and know that he has gotten past the real pains he has before he takes what feels like an abysmal leap. These things may be a problem.

I am suggesting that neither approach has hachno'oh. And the 1st step of the 12 steps - the only one that has anything directly to do with not drinking/lusting+masturbating ourselves, is only one thing: hachno'oh to the truth about ourselves and agreeing to the implications of it. Hachno'oh is a different way of living for most of us...OK, for all of us.

"What are you talking about Hachno'oh for?," one may ask. "we have Hachno'oh aplenty, that's not our real problem at all."

Maybe...but Hachno'oh to whom? Well, when was the last time we were machniyah ourselves to the god we really worship (with our zippers down or our eyes peeled to follow the best naked people on the screen, again)? It has not been very long ago, maybe.

That god, I know very, very well, and could still serve it again with the hachno'oh I discovered as a wide-eyed 12 year old. I am an addict. That's what we do: switch gods at need. But I need a miracle today cuz I am willing to do anything to stay sober today and keep this great life and keep this G-d I found - and not all my own power nor all my own seichel will give it to me. Kinda sad, but true - still true. It's humility or humiliation. Perhaps that is what Rebbe Nachman meant when he used to say, "ader a nisayon, ader a bizayon."

Is this acceptance a bit insulting to myself? Maybe - but so is idiotically and desperately masturbating myself to orgasm again! A man in a suit and a beard, driven beyond all recall to faithfully and desperately do what he learned as a 12 year old. I find my drooling and masturbation very demeaning and insulting to myself...not much release of anger or much gaining respectability, there! I figure it is all about which kind of bozo do I want to be. A bozo on the sober bus, or a bozo on the same 'sexually enlightened' bus I have been riding since I was 12?

OK, how far has all that gotten us, so far?

I suggest to Guy and George (sounds like a rock band of the late 80's) that none of these issues you describe are new. They are probably your old buddies. So I think that going about it the 'angry' (Guy) or 'respectable' (George) way is just retrying the same tools you have been using till now. I am stubborn, too! You will surely get the same results you have been getting until now. GYE will not save you there, and neither will G-d (and not even the play-god will, apparently, or you would not be here searching for help in the first place!). Both of you have been 'there and back again' so many times before already! So have I. Where does that get us? Same place it gets most of us: back on our knees masturbating and then having that old 'clarity' again, that painful 'clarity' of "Oooh, this time I really have to stop!", and pretending we have it all figured out, or need to. No?

Those feelings and that old game are just a crock.

Hatzlocha!!

3) Go on the forum, get chizzuk. Depending on illnesses like depression, see a qualified professional.

Some_guy--I love you! Good luck! Keep us updated!

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Re: I need help, please
Posted by Dov - 21 Jun 2013 16:56

[Eye.nonymous wrote:](#)

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Re: I need help, please

Posted by some_guy - 25 Jun 2013 19:12

I got without falling today. I said some of the morning prayers.

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Re: I need help, please

Posted by zvi - 25 Jun 2013 21:09

Amazing! KOMT!

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Re: I need help, please

Posted by time2stop - 26 Jun 2013 07:18

Might have to take a step back to go forward. If you look at your older posts it looks like you are getting stronger.

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Re: I need help, please

Posted by some_guy - 28 Jun 2013 19:02

Hello,

I am not doing so great. I am still falling almost every morning and now sometimes during the day. But I know that I must stay here. Not matter how dirty or low I feel, I will be sure to come here. Soon, hopefully, I will start getting better again.

--some_guy/Elias/Eliyahu

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Re: I need help, please

Posted by skeptical - 28 Jun 2013 20:22

Why wait for soon? Why don't you just stop right now?

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Re: I need help, please

Posted by some_guy - 29 Jun 2013 01:51

I can't stop. I hope that by Sunday I will have but a filter on every computer in the house. But until then, I just can't stop.

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Re: I need help, please

Posted by skeptical - 30 Jun 2013 08:47

Try changing the recording.

If you keep telling yourself that you can't stop, you won't be able to stop.

Tell yourself that you **could** stop, and you will be able to stop.

All it takes is a firm decision.

Do you **really** want to stop?

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Re: I need help, please

Posted by Dov - 30 Jun 2013 10:21

When you get that 'last' computer filtered over, then when will you stop searching for yet another computer *just to check and see if **it** has a filter or not?*

And when you get all those filters set up, when will you stop testing them with all sorts of porn search attempts *just to see if they really work?*

Relax, man. You will not drop dead if you keep your hands off your privates and your eyes away from any computers at all.

Get out of the house more. You do not get out nearly enough, man. I have told you that before. You probably would not be on GYE at all, either. Get the hell away from all your computers for the summer, at least. Just get a few clean friends to talk to on the phone every now and then, and **no computers at all till the end of summer vacation.**

You deserve a vacation from yourself. What better way to give that gift to Elias than 2 months without using computers for anything?

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Re: I need help, please

Posted by Dov - 30 Jun 2013 10:23

And while you are at it, get therapy. And if you already are, then get *better* therapy. You are obsessed with this struggle. If GYE is making you even *more* obsessed, then stop using it.

Re: I need help, please

Posted by some_guy - 03 Jul 2013 01:21

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