

Tryin'

Posted by cordnoy - 23 Jun 2013 09:41

Shalom

I am in my 40s married with children

Recently, I decided to get help on a serious level with my addiction .

My mind wanders and the tayva builds.

It would be easy to blame this on the lack of excitement in marriage intimacy, but I had done this at times before marriage, and at times, when marriage bedroom was good, I'd still fall. Perhaps it still is the reason, but marriage stuff is probably not gettin' better anytime soon.

I have more to write, but as this is my first post, id like to hear some suggestions first please.

Thank you so much

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Re: Tryin' to 12 Steppin'

Posted by cordnoy - 29 Sep 2014 00:08

[lavi wrote:](#)

[cordnoy wrote:](#)

Lavi, from your latest post and several others, you seem not to believe me regardin' my lack of connection to God...certainly in the past; it's not that it makes much of a difference to me, but I'm pretty honest about my feelin's and the way I see it is the way I write it.

Your last sentence: Let's hope He doesn't mind; does He ever mind?

and yes. there are times that He minds.

Ditto to DD; does He ever mind that we wanna make a connection? if yes; when please?

Thanks

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Re: Tryin' to 12 Steppin'
Posted by ineedchizuk - 29 Sep 2014 00:33

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Re: Tryin' to 12 Steppin'
Posted by dd - 29 Sep 2014 00:44

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Posted by cordnoy - 29 Sep 2014 01:33

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Why not? Is there an 'opinion' club that you weren't invited to?

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Seems that's DD's opinion as well (and mine); we waitin' for Lavi's response. He's usually good for his word.

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Re: Tryin' to 12 Steppin'
Posted by kilochal - 29 Sep 2014 03:55

ailu v'ailu divrey elokim chaim

there are plenty of mefurash psukim in nach saying that he doesn't want to see us or have to do with us

but lemaaseh is that what it really means

even after the bas kol said shuvu banim shovavim chutz ma'acheir

Hashem wanted him not to listen and to be chozer btshuva anyway

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Re: Tryin' to 12 Steppin'

Posted by lavi - 29 Sep 2014 10:11

hi everyone,

to answer the million dollar question:

Does Hashem ever mind us having to connect to him?

i don't have the ability to answer the question fully, but i will bring a few examples of people who Hashem doesn't really like.

one is honest in his calling to Hashem and expresses his feelings in his heart,

even if he is really wicked, Hashem will be close to him, as it says "karoiv Hashem l'chol koirov, l'chol asher yichruhu b'emes".

however if a person besides being wicked, wants to close to Hashem solely for personal gain, he may end up like Korach, in which Hashem accepted Moshe's tefilla, NOT to listen to his tefilla.

and like chazal say that sometimes Hashem will pay someone everything in this world, because he really doesn't want anything to do with this person in the next world, Hashem describes this person as "hated". we also find that Hashem says sometimes "rosho ma lecha l'saper chukoi"

what kilo said is also relevant also it is possible to do teshuva, until then that poor fellow is PERSONA NON GRATA (unwanted person).

people are very different, and Hashem made them that way, and therefore telling Hashem that one doesn't mind a connection, can work differently,

in one case Hashem may say "ok, take your time, i'm waiting for you", yet in a very different case Hashem may say "sorry, but although you don't mind, I DO,"

and this is because such an approach can be considered arrogant.

i apologize for being short this time and the others, just i'm pushed for time, also i consider cordnoy one of best friends here. [i have a feeling everyone does!!!]

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Re: Tryin' to 12 Steppin'
Posted by Dr.Watson - 29 Sep 2014 10:49

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Posted by lavi - 29 Sep 2014 17:19

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dear dr, thank-you for input.

there are several pesukim and chazals, that describe certain people that Hashem does not a relationship with. [unless they do teshuva- which can result in a change of person].

whenever we speak about Hashem, we refer to how we view his actions to us. Torah dibrah k'lashon bnei adam.

If the torah and chazal say the above, i can't be criticized for repeating it.

and the relevance is for us to figure out, being that the torah was written for us. so if chazal show us that someone is hated by Hashem, is would be relevant for the sane of mind

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Re: Tryin' to 12 Steppin'

Posted by dms1234 - 29 Sep 2014 18:34

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look buddy, this came about on cordnoys request.

and no, don't think about it, if it isn't relevant to you.

yes, i think Hashem loves us all, but maybe it is good to know that there are some on his black list.

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Posted by cordnoy - 29 Sep 2014 18:59

[cordnoy wrote:](#)

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Several of us were taken aback by the suggestion that He might mind the connection.

I don't care either way...meanin' the discussion is fine by me.

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All posts and comments beforehand were all fine with me, as far as opinions go.

b'hatzlachah

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Re: Tryin' to 12 Steppin'
Posted by metalking - 30 Sep 2014 04:30

One of the best things about having children for me (and one of the reasons I believe He instructed us to have them) is because it gives me the smallest infantesimal (sp?) Idea of what its like to be Him relating to us.

A parent would always prefer their child talk to him/her and have them in his/hers life than for the child to ignore, shut out, or refuse to speak.

Having said that, one should try to watch how they call out to Hashem. parents will get annoyed when the children complain after we do our best to provide and they don't appreciate it. The famous Gemara says about the sin with the spies: Hashem said: you want to cry for no reason? I'll give you a reason to cry for generations to come.

I know you find Rav Arush to be extreme (your words in another post) but one of my favorite quotes by him is:

If one complains, then Hashem responds, i give all these blessings of life, etc and still he complains? Now I'll really give him something to complain about!

But, when we thank Hashem even for our difficulties, then He responds, this guy is thanking me

even with all his tzarus? Now I'm really gonna rain down the blessing and give him something to be thankful for.

(Its the old measure for measure)

May you be sealed in the book for Life and find your voice to thank Hashem for everything in your life, the good, and the "seemingly bad".

B'hatzlacha! ;-)

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i'm quite pleased that this discussion is fine by you.

and i will write why i think it does pertain to us.

telling Hashem that you don't mind a connection, is a very individualistic approach (nottin' wron' for some). i wanted to point out to anyone who would read your post, that such an approach isn't guaranteed to connect, whereas a more humble approach would be.

it so happens to be that those who know you better, do understand where you are coming from, especially as your very honest approach is appreciated by all.

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Re: Tryin' to 12 Steppin'

Posted by cordnoy - 30 Sep 2014 17:14

Like I said....it's fine...one of the reasons is I don't really understand the point at hand. Perhaps it is because I'm not such a humble guy....to put it mildly.

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