

Keeping it up! Am I fooling myself?

Posted by Liveman - 23 Jun 2013 19:05

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Just wondering I'm clean for two weeks now, I feel good about myself in a way. Am I fooling myself? Am I underestimating my yetzer horah? Or am I good to go?

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Re: Keeping it up! Am I fooling myself?

Posted by cordnoy - 23 Jun 2013 21:12

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I don't want to burst your bubble, but in the last six months, I've had streaks of over 2 months and one over 5 weeks. It came back at me with a vengeance. Perhaps you are stronger. It seems that "being clean" for some time is not the complete answer.

What is the answer? I'm not sure

That's why in here

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Re: Keeping it up! Am I fooling myself?

Posted by skeptical - 23 Jun 2013 21:26

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It's great to be able to look at the past and be strengthened by what we have been able to accomplish, but it does not help to think about whether or not we have the yetzer harah beat.

Will I have temptations later on? Maybe, maybe not. It doesn't help me now to think about what may or may not happen later.

The main thing is to make sure that **right now** I am making the right decisions.

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Re: Keeping it up! Am I fooling myself?  
Posted by Liveman - 23 Jun 2013 21:50

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Re: Keeping it up! Am I fooling myself?  
Posted by Liveman - 23 Jun 2013 21:55

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What is that kept you going for 2 months or 5 weeks? And what happened that made you fall?

The answers to these questions maybe the answer to a lot of questions. And remember we share a lot of questions as we are not alone in this struggle so by coming up with answers we help everybody!

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Re: Keeping it up! Am I fooling myself?  
Posted by cordnoy - 23 Jun 2013 22:04

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I don't know for certain

One of them I was on high with intimacy with wife

I also started with therapist thru one

Stress in family is always a killer

Lack of intimacy with wife

It seems that with this issue I am so fragile

Any turbulence sets me off

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Re: Keeping it up! Am I fooling myself?

Posted by Liveman - 23 Jun 2013 22:15

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I'm not sure intamcy or the lack of it makes you or does not make you recover from a porn addiction.I think ( in my apinion) you can have the best marriage and still do things you are not allowed. Now having said that stress does not help any situation so we need to find another outlet to melt away or relieve us from our stresses.

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Re: Keeping it up! Am I fooling myself?

Posted by Chachaman - 24 Jun 2013 19:54

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[Liveman wrote:](#)

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I agree with most of that, but I would hesitate to say that it is our duty to be proactive in fighting. You need a battle plan, but if things are going well thinking about it is counterproductive.

If you think about not doing something, you're thinking about it. Which can be a bad thing.

"Anyone who sees a Sotah in her disgrace should become a nazir from wine." Sotah 2a (and I think Nazir 2a). (Because wine leads to immoral conduct). Why? Aderaba (it would make sense the other way), that someone who has seen a sotah wouldn't want to replicate her conduct!

The answer is that this conduct exposes him to the POSSIBILITY of immoral conduct. The initial revulsion will fade over time. The inspiration will fade. Thus one must take extra measures.

How does that apply? You see by thinking about it too much, it is counterproductive--but by the same token, you should have a plan in advance.

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Re: Keeping it up! Am I fooling myself?  
Posted by Liveman - 24 Jun 2013 20:06

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I agree you need a plan. Not s saying you should sit and think about the yetzer horas all day but you need a vision as how you will keep you guard up. And with having that vision I mean you are proactive.

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Re: Keeping it up! Am I fooling myself?  
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100%.

Learn from your past falls, try to figure out how not to let it happen again. But then let go and live in the present. Worrying whether or not the YH will strike again is pointless. Just live and make the right decisions moment by moment.

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Re: Keeping it up! Am I fooling myself?

Posted by Liveman - 25 Jun 2013 00:41

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I agree! Leaving go and taking it moment by moment should work best.

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