

Solutions for Tonight

Posted by waydown - 16 Aug 2015 22:06

Guys I need some ideas how to overcome my yetzer for tonite. As I have posted before I normally fall asleep via J/O. And if I wake up in middle of the nite I'll do it again. Any ideas how not to? So far for starteres read something clean before sleeping.

I will be on only for another hour or two. I do not want log in to the internet once I get home from shul even if its just for GYE. Its just too dangerous. Thus the urgency

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by eslaasos - 22 Sep 2015 00:15

Let's continue the other conversation when we have the time - if you still don't mind my style. Your main point is more important for now - what to do tonight.

Partially because I could so with some more zechusim this time of year and partially because I was verbally abusing you, I offer you to PM me, and I will give you my Google voice number so that you can call me anytime tonight that you have an itch. I will shmooze with you on any subject that you want, or learn any sefer you want, assuming I am familiar enough to do so. For now, this is only for tonight.

If that doesn't appeal, or if I miss your phone call, try to setup a different distraction in advance.

To your other point:

[waydown wrote:](#)

Ok eis lassos re your other pointer,

So I have to be sincere in believing that some magic irrational trick works. (Not to knock it at all just saying how its being perceived in my mind). Now that takes time to internalize. Am I a lost cause till I train my mind to believe it or is there a short term solution.

The sincerity factor I was referring to has nothing to do with belief in a program, it's the level of sincerity in saying to Hashem, or yourself for that matter, "I truly don't want this".

As a side note I still believe that if I fight hard enough hashem will take care of the rest.

Conceptually, you are absolutely correct, it's a Gemara that tells us Habo Litaheer mesaiyin oso.

But I think we need to fight smart as well as hard. Fighting hard with willpower alone hasn't proven to be sufficient for most of us here, and to rely on it involves a level of denial. Were you on today's call? There was a great share at the end where someone Big shared how he recently came to this realization.

We have to find the right hishtadlus, and the most productive use of our strength.

But that seems to be the wrong approach according to you guys. You say no don't fight just leave it to hashem without fighting.

There ain't no "you guys" here.

In one of my previous posts (I think in my thread), I defined my understanding of the surrender step.

It was many posts ago but along the lines of I need Hashem's help but am still obligated to my hishtadlus. I'll try to find it

However lets stick to my main goal staying clean tonight. Waht do I do if I am not sincere enough with the surrender approach?

See above

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by waydown - 22 Sep 2015 01:33

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by waydown - 22 Sep 2015 01:36

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by waydown - 22 Sep 2015 01:38

Oh and thanks for the offer. As much as I come across all tough, i appreciate the loving GYE family. The gutzkit is unreal. Every guy here will have tremendous zechusim this yom kippur. IYH I will PM you after yom kippur for your google voice offer. I think I am good for tonite.

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by eslaasos - 22 Sep 2015 01:51

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We are powerless in the current context, and we need to do what needs to be done (i.e. fight the YH with smart hishtadlus) to change the context, and we always need Hashem's help. We are always accountable for our actions.

If I'm oversimplifying, someone will probably let me know, but my eyes are closing on me.

Changing your place of work to avoid triggers sounds like a prime example of recognizing you are not being successful in the current situation, so you are taking the easiest path of resistance and finding a safer place to work.

As you pointed out, that's what the Gemara is telling us we should be doing.

The concept of surrender, as in surrender my lust, is letting go of the taavah, or the resentment, or the ego. These are feelings and emotions that we tend to hold on to, so it's not naturally easy to sincerely let go.

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I hear you on the work pressure, I think a lot of the guys here work, so a lot of us have a lot of missing days where the work piles up.

Kol hamispalel b'ad cahveiro, let's all daven for all of Klal Yisroel b'chlal, ub'prat waydown ben ?

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by markz - 22 Sep 2015 02:24

Waydown?

It's Yerida Ben Aliyah

And he's more like his father!

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by waydown - 22 Sep 2015 03:19

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by unanumun - 22 Sep 2015 08:25

[waydown wrote:](#)

But yes I agree comparing one's wife to a porn star is bad but my wife loves when I say she looks like a model. Now of course the shpitz is to only love ones wife and the torah is teaching us that is the ultimate desired goal. But we are human beings that are subject to wordly matters. Thus till we reach that lofty goal I think its fine and expected to mix lust with love. As I mentioned according to your logic why should a lady wear make up and look nice for her husband. Isn't that all etxerior stuff. Yet any sain person,kala tecaher tells a lady look good externally for your husband. Because hashem wants us to use our lust stircly for our wives.

Its a very differnet service when love is mixed in. Its not the "same service as porn". Once you have love mixed in, love is the primary focus lust lust is mixed in.

Re "Self-interest, and doing for someone else are contradictory. Occasionally, those interests

coincide. If the motivation remains lust, that aspect of it is in contradiction to being about someone else."

I see nothing contradictory in satisfying one's needs while also giving to someone else. It may not be the ultimate form of giving but it's not a contradiction at all. Lust is not the motivation. Love is. But it also satisfies my lust. I don't see it as an all or nothing approach. And frankly my wife is OK and actually excited that I itch for her. It makes her feel good too.

As far as mixing lust with love, perhaps it is not real lust but it is also not real love.

I do believe from my own experience, that the only way to really understand the difference is by experience. The more I worked to identify when I was lusting, the more I learned to tell the difference.

The ideal is that when lust is motivating our actions, we deal with the lust and cause ourselves to stop lusting. When love is motivating our actions, let it roll.

While it can be okay to "mix lust and love" (if it is really possible) it is important to be clear that it is a bedeviled situation. Less bedeviled than acting out but still bedeviled. Until that is clear there will be no push to strive for the ideal.

The stress put on looking good for your husband may be because most people are not able to live the ideal. It may also be because not looking good can be an inhibitor to love. It is hard to love somebody that turns you off. So your tanna is not such a good raaya.

Your wife may appreciate being told that she looks like a model and might be excited that you itch for her. But you have not really provided her with anything else. If someone grows up is whole life drinking watered down liquor he will enjoy it. He is just unaware that there is a concept of good liquor and doesn't realize that the real unwatered down stuff is in a whole league altogether.

The more you manage to deal with your lust without your wife (and without acting out) and train yourself to have your relationship with her based on only love without lust, both you and your wife will realize what you were missing all these years, and there will be no turning back.

My marriage was very healthy and positive, but as I learned to stop lusting (and that I can stop and don't have to lust) my marriage and relationship with my wife blossomed into a tremendously different level. I wish this on you as well.

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by waydown - 22 Sep 2015 13:37

Re, "It is hard to love somebody that turns you off."

Not true I love my mother even though I think she is not pretty. Yes perhpas if one is smelly and filthy then its hard to love. But why do you need make up for example? The answer is because a wife is a differnet love than a mother. A relationship to one's wife has lust mixed in.

I totally disagree with the notion that you can't fully love while you lust. Why not? Why can't I give while I also crave for it. In fact I'll be honest while my itch is sometimes very strong I am always very sensitive to my wife's needs. (I won't go into details. But I'll just say I sooner make myself uncomfortable to ensure that she is comfortable) I always put her first even during intimacy. I know thats the main thing. But I still fulfill my lust. You have not explained why logically you can't have both. I clearly provide her with tons of love. And every woman loves being told she is a model. Sorry my friend. In fact I even say it in the same tone like my wife's hungairian boby zt"I use to say. (she always said you look azuvi ah model very chinush (That last word is a famous Hungarian word for pretty). And I believe very strongly that its important to apprecaite and compliment ones wife's exterior looks. If not you need shalom bayis counseling because every lady wnats to think they are pretty.

While I do agree that by big tzadkim exterior looks and lust should not play a role, I don't think its bedievd at all. I think its expected to play a role with most humans aside for a few very select keduahsdik yidden. But then again you guys on GYE are the select kedushadik yiden. Henceforth only love not lust.

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 22 Sep 2015 14:22

I think you are confusing "physical attraction" with "lust". It's true that he relationship with your wife includes physical contact and therefore attraction is necessary (as opposed to the relationship with your mother, for example). But when we use that attraction for our own pleasure instead of for enhancing the connection, then it turns into lust.

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by waydown - 22 Sep 2015 14:32

You are splting hairs. I don't get it if that attraction has nothing to with our own pleasue and its all enhancing the connection why do you need exterior attractions. You argue because there is physical contact. Why does that change anything. Yes if a person is sloopy or dirty then its naustiating. But say one's wife is neat why the make up?

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by eslaasos - 22 Sep 2015 14:36

Waiting with bated breath for Gevura's explanation.

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 22 Sep 2015 15:02

Of course we are supposed to have pleasure but the pleasure is supposed to come from giving to the other. When we concentrate on taking for ourself then it's lust.

I can tell you from experience that the (few) times when i succeeded in doing it right it was much more fulfilling and pleasurable. But if we go in hoping for that then it ruins the whole thing because then we are thinking about ourselves again.

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