

Shteeble's Close Range Firefight

Posted by Shteeble - 12 Jan 2016 15:43

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I am in good hands.

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Re: Shteeble's Close Range Firefight
Posted by Shlomo24 - 17 Jan 2016 18:56

This is what works for me:

- 1) Surrender the fantasy to god.
- 2) Make a call and bring the lust out to light.
- 3) Call sponsor.
- 4) If all else fails, get down on my knees and start a'prayin'.

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Posted by markz - 17 Jan 2016 20:03

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Shlomos ideas have helped him, and sound practical

The following is what I have posted on the [Free Towing Assistance page](#)

It's not final - Id like to add your gems there

[markz wrote:](#)

[ABOUT TO FALL?](#)

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1- My favorite [quick fix](#)

2- Post what tools you have begun, perhaps those can help now.

3- You go to B&H!! **B**rilliant [Humor section](#), and see if you find anything interesting there. No pressure - you don't have to laugh at every joke found there, Its funny - I don't either.

4- Take a break, listen to some music or the [iPhone song](#)

5- Chat with a friend / sponsor who knows about the addiction

6- Checkout my signature

7 - You need approval from one of the guys. You wanna take drugs? Don't do it!! Want to go to some dirty website? Just post it [HERE](#) first.

All the best!!!

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markz, thanks for replying.

You just found your first "red button" 'nik.

I haven't always found it to work.

But sometimes, it did the job of distracting me enough to move on to a better place.

The list in this thread is my own personal list.

Some tactics will work for many people, some for some people, and some for none.

These are what I have found thus far to work best for me in the prioritized order.

It's not enough though.

That's why I'm asking the oilam for more ideas.

I really appreciate your contribution, and I ask anyone who has ideas that work for them to please contribute.

Yasher Koach.

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Re: Shteeble's Close Range Firefight
Posted by Shteeble - 17 Jan 2016 20:24

Thank you Shlomo for your reply.

I have some of that in my list too.

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Re: Shteeble's Close Range Firefight
Posted by eslaasos - 18 Jan 2016 16:13

I don't have a lot to offer for your specific question because what works best for me is the ounce of prevention rather than the pound of cure. My issue is escapism, not lust per se, so I need to head off the beast by fighting it while it's still at the stage of escape before it turns into straight lust.

To accomplish that, I need to remember how important it is to me not to start slipping. I do that by browsing these forums. By keeping it in the forefront of my mind, it trains me so the knee jerk reaction to the escape urge is aversion. Every second I entertain the idea of escape makes it exponentially harder to regain that lost ground.

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so I don't need to escape as much.

There are times when I am in a close range firefight to escape. When that happens, this is what works for me.

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Perhaps just say you will act out after you count to 4.

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Re: Shteeble's Close Range Firefight
Posted by eslaasos - 27 Jan 2016 15:47

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I'm not sure what specifically you're referring to but it was indeed he who recently reminded me of the AE line.

Thanks for being one of the aforementioned friends.

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Posted by Shlomo24 - 27 Jan 2016 18:07

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The goal here is to get out of isolation, so maybe take it to the next step. Head over to the nearest vibrant Beis Midrash or pizza store, whichever will be more helpful and get involved in conversation. If you don't have buddies available in a public setting, call the aforementioned friend but not from your couch or bed. Call him from a public place, even in your car in the middle of 13th Ave (or the Wichita equivalent).

May Hashem be mekabel your tefillos b'ratzon.

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