

Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by ark321 - 24 Dec 2009 23:06

I would like to know what people think about this. We know that the yetzer hora creates ideas and lust into our minds, and it is all fake. Maybe if we were to know that even if our wife would be like the women we dream about, the yetzer hora would just make us want some other women etc, that this would help. I'm rushing this message as im in a rush, but there is more I have to say...

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by installed - 09 Nov 2010 19:49

I was and am an arrogant selfish man. I'll tell you how I know. A shadchin arranged I meet a woman my age (63). On our meeting, she seemed like a lovely, though unattractive woman(And I don't mean by porn standards). I declined to go farther.

Why? Not because of any character traits. Because she was unattractive. Period.

I don't think that one needs to be apologetic about that. It's obviously not the only thing to look for but it is a legitimate reason to decline and it doesn't show that you are selfish/self centered IMHO.

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by Me3 - 09 Nov 2010 20:01

Yeah Briut!

I also want to disagree with your theory. My wife is very attractive and yet she married a good looking guy.....Hey wait one second! You aren't saying she thinks I'm..... No! can't be! That's ridiculous! Ha! The mere thought is just plain silly! Silly! Silly! You hear me! I can't believe we are even discussing this. Maybe I'll just delete this post.....But what if.....

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by briut - 09 Nov 2010 20:31

[Me3 wrote on 09 Nov 2010 20:01:](#)

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Well, mememe, the point is that SHE thinks you're beautiful. You're comforting and safe and loving and all that stuff that chicks dig. Why should she care if you're losing your hair or getting a paunch or whatever? You think she married you in the first place because you looked like a star (movie, porn, bais medresh, whatever)?? And if she doesn't care, then neither do you!

Beautiful is in the eyes of the beholder.

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by Me3 - 09 Nov 2010 20:37

Aw Shucks! :-[

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by Dov - 10 Nov 2010 01:09

Shucks, schmucks.

...wait a minute, that didn't work out the way I meant....

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by Holy Yid - 10 Nov 2010 07:23

We are not healthy, we lust. Lusting is not normal attraction. It is a whole we are trying to fill, and we can never. It is not desire it is hiding from our problem with lust.

Read posts from dov on this matter.

Hatzlacha

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by Kedusha - 10 Nov 2010 15:07

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 10 Nov 2010 15:50

[Kedusha wrote on 10 Nov 2010 15:07:](#)

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so very, very true

as Dov recently wrote beshem Chazal, kol hanosen einav bemah shein lo, mah sheyesh lo notlin haimeno

at least with me, when i would look at others and lust i would think how unfair and second-rate my 'portion' is. and no amount of ideas and concepts would shake that idea. but a tekufah of shemiras einayim did what all the mussar drushas did not do. it is like crossing over to the other side of a high fence and trying to convey how things look to someone still behind it. it is very hard to get the idea through without bringing him across the fence.

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?
Posted by Kedusha - 10 Nov 2010 15:58

Say Reuven eats his fill at a Kiddush, and has no appetite for the Shabbos Seudah. So, as to not make his wife feel bad, he eats anyway, but it has no Taam. He feels like a Tzaddik - man, what mesiras nefesh I put myself through, just so my wife wouldn't feel bad! But, does he have Hakaras Hatov for all the effort his wife put into preparing the Seudah? That far he doesn't go - after all, he was full anyway, and would have preferred to just hit the pillow! His wife, really, should have Hakaras Hatov to him for being so considerate! Look how unfair that is to his wife - she put in all the effort, and he has no appreciation whatsoever, simply because he ruined his appetite.

The same is true when a husband allows his eyes to stray. He doesn't feel all that attracted to his wife anymore, and any attention he gives her makes him feel like a Tzaddik. Certainly, he doesn't appreciate all her efforts, to look nice for him, etc. By ruining his appetite for a healthy attraction to his wife, he has done her, himself, and their marriage a tremendous disservice.

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by Holy Yid - 10 Nov 2010 20:31

Kedusha, that was brilliant!

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 11 Nov 2010 21:24

[Holy Yid wrote on 10 Nov 2010 20:31:](#)

Kedusha, that was brilliant!

Holy Yid, you're putting it toooooooooo mildly.

Kedusha, that was brilliant!!!!!!!!!!

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by installed - 11 Nov 2010 21:29

I'll second that.

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by david712 - 11 Nov 2010 21:31

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Re: Do men with attractive wives have less of a problem?

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 11 Nov 2010 21:38

Correction: Kedusha *is* brilliant!

I stand corrected

Sorry, Kedusha :-[

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