

Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 30 Apr 2023 22:12

Seem to be out of the woods now.

On the way back in.

How long will it take to get there?

That's 100% up to me.

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 14 Jun 2023 20:56

Step three: Surrender

You must surrender to the fact that you will never understand what this step is supposed to mean.

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 15 Jun 2023 01:33

Those days when the sky is blue, the birds are chirping in the soft breeze and I feel light and free - make all the battles worth it.

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 16 Jun 2023 14:03

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by richtig - 16 Jun 2023 14:13

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Posted by chaimoigen - 16 Jun 2023 16:26

[richtig wrote on 16 Jun 2023 14:13:](#)

[Grant400 wrote on 16 Jun 2023 14:03:](#)

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All true. But positive actions, with a focus on using them to connect to the desire to connect and give out of unsullied loving, are a wonderful tool. So I try to wind the awareness into a re-directing... Meaningful eye contact helps, too.

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 18 Jun 2023 13:35

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She deserves the best in middos award.

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Etc.

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by iLoveHashem247 - 18 Jun 2023 17:41

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I am in the middle of re-listening to rabbi Bentzion Shafier's Shmuz #47 "cognitive restructuring" which touches exactly on this subject!

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 19 Jun 2023 13:41

You know that way we tell a friend "It's totally ok" - when it's completely not?

You know the way we apologize to the cop even though we don't think it's justified?

You know the way we give our friends the benefit of the doubt?

Why not try that with our wives?

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 19 Jun 2023 17:03

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[- Richtig June 19 2023](#)

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by chaimoigen - 20 Jun 2023 01:00

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by richtig - 20 Jun 2023 01:06

[chaimoigen wrote on 20 Jun 2023 01:00:](#)

!!!! I made a bet with myself that you'd quote this line!!!

[Grant400 wrote on 19 Jun 2023 17:03:](#)

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much obliged

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by iLoveHashem247 - 20 Jun 2023 12:45

Just as addiction and alcoholism are progressive, so too is recovery. Just as the craving increases as it's indulged, so too is the serenity of recovery.

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 20 Jun 2023 13:29

Never does my mind move as fast as it does - when it seeks to place blame on anyone but myself.

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 21 Jun 2023 13:54

Being disciplined and in control doesn't have to mean you can face obstacles head on and conquer them, it can also mean you plan accordingly to remove the obstacles, making success more realistic.

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