

Piercings and Tattoos

Posted by foolie - 18 Oct 2023 13:49

Are there people struggling with the desire to be pierced or tattooed. If so how do people deal with this struggle?

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Posted by foolie - 18 Oct 2023 20:35

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Posted by chaimoigen - 18 Oct 2023 23:04

I do not specifically relate to this particular struggle. But there's plenty that's hard for me, in different ways, too. And I think I can empathise a bit.

There are desires and drives for particular actions and pleasures. And then there are different kinds of drives- things that stem from a need **inside your being**. Therein lie the dragons...

I think Vehkam said it well (as he always does). The way I would put it is this: We are not static- we don't stay the same. Our "being" changes. With time, with experiences, relationships, healing and growth. And as we change, so do our needs, sometimes.

And the most fundamental changes happen as we develop a deeper perspective on life, a different way to SEE living, best based on connection with Hashem presence relationship in our lives.

For me, GYE means Hope. And that's a great and special thing.

Here's a warm, friendly, hand.

Chaim Oigen

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Re: Piercings and Tattoos
Posted by Heeling - 19 Oct 2023 00:45

Yes, my friend. I can relate to this one although I never acted on it.

Piercing, tattoos, and indoor/artificial tanning is something I crave regularly. Tattoos and tanning more than piercing.

I mapped out a plan for myself and for my wife as well (which I obviously never shared with her). Unfortunately, I've spent too much time online on this topic. BH I never acted on it, but my YH tells me that one day I'll still act on it.

The only thing I do is push it under the rug. But for now I simply gave up, as it's something that I can't do as a Jew.

Yes, I would love too. But it's simply not possible. I had to use this method for things that the Torah does allow (but my wife doesn't) so I had an easier time using this method for things that the Torah doesn't allow.

There's a tattoo and tanning shop right next to my house, And I always hope that I can just pop in and maybe one day my wife will get me a gift card as a present. But it's not happening, so I try not to think about it and look for things that really matter in life....like Family time. Learning. Working. Relationships. Giving to those around me. Embracing the beautiful life I BH have.

Wishing you much luck and happiness!

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I don't know what 'closer' means, but I disagree.

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Powerful. Raw. Honest. Although I cannot relate to your desire for getting pierced or the pleasure you receive from it I can very much relate to your answer from question 5. Perhaps the abuse was not the same but the feeling of class torment is truly painful. Perhaps we just came to different solutions for the same problem. I wish you much hatzlacha on your journey and I hope you keep coming back.

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i have/had many friends with piercings and tattoos. I have had many fetishes and have been exposed to many more. i specifically don't publicly discuss the things i was into because it is not helpful for me, it may be a trigger to others and it risks exposing many to things that they don't know exist. That said, i emphasize with your struggle. If you are looking for acceptance - i and many here will accept you 100% as you are today without any changes whatsoever. If you are looking for growth, i and many here will do whatever we can to help you grow.

Please continue to stay engaged.

best wishes

vehkam

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Posted by Hashem Help Me - 19 Oct 2023 18:13

I have found that privately, many people are open about their personal details - including fetishes and (what society considers) atypical urges. However most of them are wary when it comes to posting on a public forum that one day may be somehow uncovered to be connected to them. Although i have posted a lot about my own journey, many of you have heard the

darker parts of my struggle in private conversation. As far as acceptance, i think most guys who post often on GYE make it abundantly clear in their various articles that they have vast reserves of empathy and non-judgmental acceptance.

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i don't want to hijack the thread with my response. please see my response today to this particular post in my personal thread - link is in my signature below.

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Re: Piercings and Tattoos
Posted by Bennyh - 19 Oct 2023 21:30

Foolie, I consider you one of my inspirations on this forum. The anguish you describe is crushing my soul right now. I have nothing helpful to offer unfortunately as I can't relate to what you're describing. But I am happy to hear that you are in a far more stable place than you were back then.

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