

My addiction -tip

Posted by Jeff098 - 22 Oct 2023 01:32

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I encourage you all to try this. every time you fall, ask yourself, what has caused me to fall? if it was a certain website, pic, magazine, your phone, the whole internet, completely block it and destroy it in a way that it is never accessible again, no matter the cost or inconvenience. As you continue your journey, you will realize that your battle will be much more tolerable because you don't have the drug in your hand.

I'm at a point in my life where my eyes are getting cleaned by removing any physical tests that come into my life. My challenge now is to clean my head. Even though the physical things have been destroyed and removed from my existence, I still can pull up images and memories of inappropriate things in my mind. I started dealing with this by keeping myself busy, whenever a thought comes to mind.

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I hope this helps! Good luck to all! And may GD be with you!

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Re: My addiction -tip

Posted by cordnoy - 22 Oct 2023 01:41

Welcome, that's great to hear - lots of courage and strength to make that assertion and to act upon it.

Wishin' you continued success.

I am much older than you and I realized later in life that I am an addict. I don't know if you are or aren't, but i can tell you that for me, no matter what I physically removed from my ability to act out - that was never enough. Until I worked a serious program that made a positive affect on my insides and my bein'.

Godspeed to you

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Re: My addiction -tip

Posted by Jeff098 - 22 Oct 2023 01:45

What was the program?

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Re: My addiction -tip

Posted by cordnoy - 22 Oct 2023 02:13

[Jeff098 wrote on 22 Oct 2023 01:45:](#)

What was the program?

I went to SA meetin's for over a year.

I went thru the white book, big book and step into action books over and over again - on the phone with many participants.

I went to a sex therapist.

I spoke to real live people - the kind where you can actually see them, touch them, etc.

T'wasn't easy - was a hell of a lot of fun though.

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Posted by Vehkam - 22 Oct 2023 04:00

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congratulations on finding something that works for you and for taking the time to share all of this.

How long have you been clean using this method?

What if someone is triggered by things they cannot obliterate?

thanks so much

vehkam

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Re: My addiction -tip

Posted by adam2014 - 22 Oct 2023 10:25

First off, Congrats on your progress. That is amazing! I felt that I had to comment on your approach. If a drug addict had his pockets full of cocaine, what are the chances he would stay away from it? Slim to none! That is soooooooo true... That is the way I feel about my smartphone. I am also an addict and I have that proverbial loaded gun in my pocket everyday... If I take your approach that the next time I fall and the phone is the weapon, than the phone must go. "regardless of the inconvenience or cost". If it is the iPad or Laptop.. they go as well. So if I want to keep these devices to use for positive and real reasons, than I must not use them for filth. I love that approach.

One and Done! You screw me up and you become dead to me!

Thank you so much and continued success

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Re: My addiction -tip

Posted by Captain - 22 Oct 2023 13:28

So basically all are in agreement that this is something that should be done, even though it's not enough on its own.

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Re: My addiction -tip

Posted by frank.lee - 23 Oct 2023 07:27

Sounds awesome, I love the approach!

As Cordnoy and Vehkam are referring to, it is great to get rid of the pitfalls, that is a critical firststep.

The next step would be to build up your strength, your defenses, your warrior attitude, for the times you may inadvertently bump into a trigger or pitfall. You will be prepared to slay and conquer!

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Re: My addiction -tip

Posted by adam2014 - 23 Oct 2023 10:20

Very True.. If I get rid of my phone, computer, iPad etc... Will that save me or will I just find another vehicle to fuel my fall? Need to build up myself! Great point.

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Re: My addiction -tip

Posted by lwannabegood - 23 Oct 2023 14:05

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Re: My addiction -tip

Posted by ainshumyeiush - 23 Oct 2023 15:16

If you constantly remind yourself why you dont have the devices, and you embrace the fact that you dont want or need them, you could do it. It might be an extreme step so think it through long and hard. If you feel that you cant do it, there's no shame in that. But figure out a plan

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Re: My addiction -tip

Posted by Hopefulposek - 23 Oct 2023 18:05

Hey, I also recently started having that same view in my head and also found it very helpful. It makes it easier in a way once I started calling myself an addict to totally clear things out and also be ready to give so much more to pass different tests (taking time off of seder to exercise).

Great ideas and great chizuk, thanks!

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Re: My addiction -tip

Posted by adam2014 - 24 Oct 2023 09:57

[lwannabegood wrote on 23 Oct 2023 14:05:](#)

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I have been down that road many times. I sell or throw away a device out of shame and guilt and once that passes, I run to the store and get another one. Maybe someday it will stick.....
You have to keep trying

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Re: My addiction -tip

Posted by Jeff098 - 26 Oct 2023 03:36

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