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Posted by lionfree - 20 Feb 2024 06:21

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Re: Struggling with Commitment on Quitting.
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 20 Feb 2024 12:31

Man, you are a hero. A modern day Yosef HaTzaddik. One can only imagine the simcha you cause Hashem. Put me in your situation and i would be toasted. You have a future buddy. a bright one. Don't be demoralized by the people around you who have never experienced self control to the level you are displaying. Deep down, under all those layers of liberalism and hedonistic beliefs, they are probably quite jealous. The nefesh of everyone out there knows the truth. People silence that voice, stuff their ears, hearts, and minds, but look at how unhappy so many people are. You deserve a golden crown, and a bear hug from all. You are nothing less than a prince.

P.S. Just for the record, your penis will not explode even if you don't have nocturnal emissions. There is no volcano inside of you.

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Re: Struggling with Commitment on Quitting.
Posted by yiftach - 20 Feb 2024 13:19

Greetings!

The fortitude and resoluteness you have exhibited in your endeavors to overcome the struggle are truly remarkable. The fact that you have been able to keep your feet on the ground in the face of opposition from those closest to you is a testament to your strength of character. I can't imagine how difficult it can be to resist the temptation in the environment that surrounds you, but your strong desire to get clean is admirable! Your decision to take control of your life and better yourself is truly inspiring.

I just want to emphasize how important your journey is not only for yourself but also for us here at GYE. Firstly, your struggle and determination to overcome it can serve as a powerful example for others who may be facing the challenge. Secondly, many of us would have been deep in the mud if put into your situation. Hearing from you that although porn is so readily available, still you feel that it doesn't bring true happiness, is a reassurance to what we know deep down in our hearts. The feeling of freedom from this struggle is far greater than the pleasure we get at the moment.

Remember that every step you take towards recovery is a step in the right direction. Stay focused on your goals, and don't hesitate to reach out for help when you need it. You are not alone, and there are people who care and want to support you on your journey towards a healthier and happier life. **We may come from different backgrounds, but we're all brothers fighting this mighty battle together!**

We believe in you and your ability to overcome this challenge. Keep up the great work!

- Yiftach

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Re: Struggling with Commitment on Quitting.
Posted by Heeling - 20 Feb 2024 15:39

Dear Loin_free,

I'm in owe of you! I second what HHM and Yiftach wrote.

Your clarity and determination amaze me. As HHM wrote, you're a Modern-day Yosef HaTzaddik.

GYE is a great place, where we all look out for each other – Welcome!

Keep fighting,

Keep Rollin'

Keep plowing,

Focus on the good,

Here's a hug,

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Re: Struggling with Commitment on Quitting.
Posted by davidt - 20 Feb 2024 15:52

No words.

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Please stay connected and strong!

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Posted by chaimoigen - 20 Feb 2024 16:10

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I too did not grow up Orthodox and chose that lifestyle when I was 18-years-old. I would imagine that you are getting pushback for other changes you are making in your life besides just trying to resist the temptation of sexual gratification.

I imagine others on here would agree with me that you are very fortunate to be having discussions about this with your rabbi at age nineteen or at least speaking to him enough to be referred to GYE. I certainly would've done the same if I could go back in time.

Wishing you great success and you echoing what others have said above about your conviction.

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Ok, now that all the GYE legends and all stars spoke their piece, let me say mine.
WOWOWOWOWOW!!

I can't begin to imagine myself in such a environment, where promiscuity is encouraged, and values are looked down upon. A regular ????? ????????? An upside down world . And still you are resisting the tide?!?!?! HOW ON EARTH TO YOU HAVE SUCH STRENGTH?!?!?

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Forget about you needing a patner - I need you as a partner !!

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Re: Struggling with Commitment on Quitting.
Posted by yitzchokm - 20 Feb 2024 18:01

The Flight to Freedom program will teach you all the techniques you need in order to break free and the book *The Battle of the Generation* will give you the strength to do so. The book also outlines, based on Judaism, how special it is to overcome this struggle. Here is the link to the ebook: <https://guardyoureyes.com/ebooks/item/the-battle-of-the-generation>

It is beautiful that you have an Orthodox rabbi and that you are going in the right path. Breaking free from secular society is a process. The more you learn about Judaism, the more you will see the falsehood in the lifestyle of those that surround you. In the first siman of the Shulchan Aruch it mentions Chazal's statement not to be embarrassed by those who mock Judaism. Chazal say that a person should be brazen like a leopard in continuing his good behavior in the face of mockery, meaning that he should stand strong and ignore them. The Mishna Brura writes that he shouldn't get into an argument with them. He should just ignore them and do the right thing.

There is a lot to learn from other people on GYE. Keep on posting and sharing. Hashem Help Me is the main mentor and you may find it very beneficial to reach out to him when you feel ready to do so. Many people have also reached out to Eerie. Make some friends and keep growing.

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You are definitely very similar to him. You are surrounded by secular people who are just as bad as the Egyptians, if not worse. Your struggles are when nobody religious sees your behavior just like Yosef who was alone in Potifar's house. Your determination not to be influenced by the people around you is also the same. You will eventually learn how to overcome these struggles and you will be in the same category as Yosef Hatzaddik also in action. Every time you resist P&M you are essentially Yosef Hatzaddik. It is his character traits that you are emulating.

In a way, your challenge is similar to those of Avraham Avinu. Yosef's challenge was regarding something that was considered immoral even by the Egyptian standards whereas some of your challenges are regarding things that are encouraged by most of society. You are like Avraham Avinu about whom Chazal say that he was figuratively on one side of the river and the whole world was on the other side.

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The sages teach us, that Hashem presents an individual with a challenge only if they possess the capability to overcome it. While everyone faces their own unique set of challenges, each person has within them the ability to surmount these difficulties.

In your current situation, my friend, not only is watching porn so common but you are also receiving encouragement to go down a route you don't want to take. **This challenge, which Hashem has specifically designed for you, is a testament to the belief that He has in you.**

We all have falls, but what shines from you is, your **clarity**. You know what you want, you know what's real and you desire to reach freedom. **Every time one resists, they are a modern day Yosef Hatzadik!**

Keep the inspiration flowing! HUGS!

- Yiftach

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