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Posted by AniMaamin - 12 Apr 2024 17:16

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Posted by redfaced - 12 Apr 2024 17:33

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That's not the G-d that I believe in. My G-d is a warm caring father just waiting for us return to him so he can shower us with all kinds of good stuff.

What have you been doing so far to work on you porn & masturbation habit?

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Posted by AniMaamin - 12 Apr 2024 18:04

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So far I've filtered my devices to the highest degree but then bought an unfiltered phone for 30 dollars or I find unfiltered devices to use. I see a therapist. I havent posted on the forum regularly, but most of the time I stay clean. I think that being single and having seemingly bad conditions to get married in the frum world is making me feel hopeless and lowering my confidence which brings me back to porn. So I wish I could stop completely, but I feel stuck in this hopeless cycle. And I listen to shiurim on bitachon and try to believe that Hashem will surely Send me my zivug very soon as those shiurim often suggest people do, but no yeshuos yet, and its been a while.

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Re: Afraid I wont get married

Posted by Yeshayahu 41:6 - 12 Apr 2024 18:22

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Hey there,

Im also stuck in this "G-d is out to get me mindset", it's a very painful place to be in...it's painful for G-d too

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Re: Afraid I wont get married

Posted by yitzchokm - 14 Apr 2024 05:29

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The challenges of P&M don't necessarily go away with marriage and I think it is an overstatement to state that as long as you don't have a wife you are stuck. Also, there are many people on GYE who are single and managed to overcome their challenges of P&M for good.

Daven to Hashem that you overcome your challenges and also that you find your zivug. Davening will help you overcome your challenges, a) because Hashem will answer your prayers that you overcome them and b) because hoping to get married should have a positive psychological effect in decreasing the intensity of your urges for P&M.

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Posted by animaamin - 15 Apr 2024 04:50

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I agree this really made me feel a lot better thanks

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Posted by Hashem Help Me - 18 Apr 2024 11:28

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Posted by Yeshayahu 41:6 - 18 Apr 2024 14:55

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***its not a punishment,***

its you taking a gun and **POW!**

ive just shot my beautiful marriage!

all the best.

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@Cande well said!

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