

Struggling for sanity

Posted by Brother - 05 Apr 2013 19:27

Hi all last night I fell for the umpteenth time, being around this place is allways comforting, but I really need a plan (I restarted reading the handbook but that won't be enough)

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Re: Struggling for sanity

Posted by gibbor120 - 05 Apr 2013 20:00

Have you shared your problem with anyone? You have not written much here.

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Re: Struggling for sanity

Posted by alexeliezer - 05 Apr 2013 20:05

I agree with you that you need a plan.

What plans are you considering?

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Re: Struggling for sanity

Posted by Brother - 05 Apr 2013 21:10

Not really having a real plan, maybe going to a meeting,(I have a partner whome I called a few times before i fell helped me to stretch out time between falls but I still fell).

And to add a litle history struggling with this thing for a long time basicaly P**n or fantasies then mas**ting over Yum Tov it started to creep into my mind then after Yomtov espesialy after I came back to work and sitting on the internet (with a secure filter) the real blow happened.

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Re: Struggling for sanity

Posted by reallygettingthere - 05 Apr 2013 21:27

[Brother wrote:](#)

Not really having a real plan, maybe going to a meeting,(I have a partner whome I called a few times before i fell helped me to stretch out time between falls but I still fell).

So you need to plan your plan. It might take some time until you tweek it to work for you but some plan is always better than no plan.

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Re: Struggling for sanity

Posted by alexeliezer - 05 Apr 2013 22:15

All right bro, until you develop your own plan you can borrow mine:

1. Aggressive, uncompromising shmiras eynayim in all settings. No females, tznius or otherwise. Not even faces. Not even ugly ones. This includes newspaper ads, etc.

2. Immediate, relentless verbal surrender of any intrusive fantasies or mental images to Hashem.

3. Study the 12 steps and start implementing them. Do something for your sobriety every day.

4. Add a tefillah in every (weekday) Shmona Esrei asking Hashem to help you guard your personal kedusha.

5. Keep busy with constructive things. Boredom is poison. Resentment is also poison. Stress can be poison for some.

6. Talk to real people -- about this and about life. Spend time face to face with friends.

7. Exercise regularly and vigorously.

8. Have a regular bed time and wake-up time. Don't sleep too much Shabbos afternoon.

9. Take it one day at a time. You're never asked to do more.

10. Learn b'chavrusa, preferably first thing in the morning before davening. I guarantee you'll be

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Re: Struggling for sanity

Posted by gibbor120 - 05 Apr 2013 23:23

Have a wonderful shabbos!

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Re: Struggling for sanity

Posted by Avrom - 07 Apr 2013 00:54

Great plan alexeliezer! I will not borrow - but keep your plan! (Printed a small version for my back pocket)

About step 3: Does studying the 12 steps make sense, even if you haven't been part of a group - or is it only for veterans-review?

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Re: Struggling for sanity

Posted by Pidaini - 07 Apr 2013 04:25

Welcome Holy Brother!!

maybe try reminding yourself how badly you want to not act out again before making your plan, it will likely let you decide to do much more rash things than if you would just do it out of resentment

and to my rebbe R' AE that is an amazing list!!!!

But i also have Avrom's question, for those of us who aren't addicts just strugglers, at least on dov's list, are the twelve steps,um needed, for lack of a better word?

and i doubt that it would be number 3 on the list, maybe an extra credit at the end.

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Re: Struggling for sanity

Posted by alexeliezer - 07 Apr 2013 18:35

I am an addict for sure. Have been one for well over 30 years.

I was able to break free by applying the 12 steps in my own way, with my own understanding, by reading about them and what Dov and others have written about them.

For me, success has been based on

1. a firm commitment to sobriety -- this means relentless and aggressive avoidance of anything)
2. davening to Hashem constantly for assistance. Bringing Hashem into the struggle is critical for us.
3. generally living the best life I can live, working on improving my middos and relationships, and working on being a giver, not a taker (Kuntress Hachesed, or Discourse on Lovingkindness in English [Michtav M'Eliyahu / Strive for Truth!] by Rav Dessler is required reading for any addict in recovery)

that gets my lust going (a very long list

Pidaini -- I can't answer your question. I only know what works for me, and I'm an addict. If you're not an addict, then step one of the 12 steps doesn't apply to you.

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Re: Struggling for sanity

Posted by Brother - 08 Apr 2013 22:08

Wow thanks alexeliezer for this post and for sharing your list, here is my list.

[alexeliezer wrote:](#)

All right bro, until you develop your own plan you can borrow mine:

1. Aggressive, uncompromising shmiras eynayim in all settings. No females, tznius or otherwise. Not even faces. Not even ugly ones. This includes newspaper ads, etc. **Work in Progress**
2. Immediate, relentless verbal surrender of any intrusive fantasies or mental images to Hashem. **On my list already**

3. Study the 12 steps and start implementing them. Do something for your sobriety every day.**Work in Progress**

4. Add a tefillah in every (weekday) Shmona Esrei asking Hashem to help you guard your personal kedusha.**On my list already**

5. Keep busy with constructive things. Boredom is poison. Resentment is also poison. Stress can be poison for some.**On my list already**

6. Talk to real people -- about this and about life. Spend time face to face with friends.**Work in Progress**

7. Exercise regularly and vigorously.**Work in Progress**

8. Have a regular bed time and wake-up time. Don't sleep too much Shabbos afternoon.**Work in Progress**

9. Take it one day at a time. You're never asked to do more.**On my list already, and sometimes, like times as these, it's one hour at a time.**

10. Learn b'chavrusa, preferably first thing in the morning before davening. I guarantee you'll be
On my list already

And it's defenitely an addiction here it just defenitely FEEEEELS like it

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Re: Struggling for sanity
Posted by Brother - 10 Apr 2013 01:36

Hi does anyone know how I can sign up to recieve the Daily excerpts from the
GYE Handbook? I want to sign up.

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Re: Struggling for sanity
Posted by AlexEliezer - 10 Apr 2013 02:41

If you are referring to the chizuk emails, try this link:

visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=001f-KEXzn5tO1227ZILuTYfMzFGz723jftn5aB87ryfV2xHrgcVSHX56slg4Jt3SgsvDHiUX4j9Jl_h2J1IC3oYKcPFjpHlwD0ae3VzLjAhGpZwgAxQ6foRDQyhxp8Z5B7zuhsN2fqUcypnpkX1Ro96H8vgL5_61c9

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Re: Struggling for sanity
Posted by Brother - 11 Apr 2013 22:20

Thanks Eliezer

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