

looking for help

Posted by trysohard - 04 Aug 2014 11:50

i usually don't have web access but for the next 2 weeks i'm staying somewhere that has. just tonight i fell and decided it's time to join. i've been struggling on and off for over 10 years. even when i don't have a pc, i use my wife's cellphone (not a smartphone) which she doesn't realize has internet. Hashem please help me find a **permanent** solution here!

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Re: looking for help

Posted by trysohard - 25 Sep 2016 19:15

Seek sobriety

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Re: looking for help

Posted by trysohard - 28 Sep 2016 05:44

A couple of days ago, I heard a shmooze on malchiyos and hisbatlus to Hashem. This is the kind of shmooze that would have greatly inspired me in the past, but after studying Dov's posts, I wasn't ready to take that inspiration (I hope that all the healthy people in the room got REAL inspiration from it).

To quote from Dov's longest post

"Most of us learned how to use porn, fantasy, and to masturbate ourselves WHILE we were defining our relationship with Hashem and WHILE we were defining what Torah *means* to us. This is why what they (we) have often felt so sure was destined to be our answer repeatedly failed as a working way out for us. Absolute devotion to Hashem and His Torah with hisbatlus gemurah simply did not work for many of us. For if it did, why are half of us even here at all? Hey, I am not a ba'al kichsatah on this and am not asking for anyone to agree with me on anything. I am simply reflecting the experience of many, and spelling out what many simply fear to face. If you see it in you, don't give up - seek for the truth about yourself, instead of more truth about Torah, Hashem, or other people. Self-honesty has been the missing ingredient for us all along. Of course, hiding from others and faking to get by has been poisoning us, too. "

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Re: looking for help

Posted by Yesh Tikva - 28 Sep 2016 06:12

[trysohard wrote on 28 Sep 2016 05:44:](#)

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Hi,

I just checked in here after a very long time and I saw your last post. I identify with your confusion. I struggled (and still struggle) with this issue a lot but in recovery it became

something I had to address.

Inspiration is a wonderful thing, but has to be recognized for what it is: an external emotion. This can be very instrumental in one's Avodas HaShem but for some it can be detrimental. I used to call it "emotional masturbation".

If, as you write you miss the "feeling" and you want to consider to "let it" inspire you, then it sounds like you are looking for what I was - emotional high's, which we get from sex, others get from alcohol etc. and the problem for us is that just as with these things when the "effect" wears off we need to find a replacement, so too when the effect of the inspiration wears off we look for a replacement -and that replacement may not be spiritual the second time.

I hope this gives you some clarity.

Hatzlocho

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Re: looking for help
Posted by gibbor120 - 30 Sep 2016 18:40

[trysohard wrote on 28 Sep 2016 05:44:](#)

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. It's a romantic fantasy that makes us "feel" like we are great. Hisbatlus is a wonderful concept, but for most of us, it's a theory in all the but the most basic sense.

There is a great sefer called ?????? ??????, that a fellow GYE member told me about. It talks about growth with a "realistic" understanding of yourself. I think we are inspired by the emotion that "hisbatlus" evokes, but emotion is not what change is built on (although it can inspire us to take action). Raw work (action) is what is needed.

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Re: looking for help
Posted by trysohard - 30 Sep 2016 18:53

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Re: looking for help
Posted by gibbor120 - 30 Sep 2016 19:18

Have a gut shabbos and a k'siva v'chasima tova!

I do get tired sometimes, but then I come back and have dozens, sometimes hundreds, of posts to read through.

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Re: looking for help
Posted by cordnoy - 07 Oct 2016 13:11

[trysohard wrote on 30 Sep 2016 18:53:](#)

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Re: looking for help
Posted by trysohard - 09 Oct 2016 11:39

[cordnoy wrote on 07 Oct 2016 13:11:](#)

Gibbor won't get tired.

So you better keep posting cordnoy. He's only 3500 posts behind you. (the guy you really have to watch out for is Markz, his truck might be passing you in the ocean soon).

By the way cordnoy, I responded to a question of yours here guardyoureyes.com/forum/4-On-the-Way-to-90-Days/241316-90-is-a-big-number-but-with-time-will-get-smaller

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Re: looking for help
Posted by Markz - 09 Oct 2016 17:08

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One Donation at a Time ;-)

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Re: looking for help

Posted by trysohard - 09 Oct 2016 20:21

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Re: looking for help

Posted by Markz - 09 Oct 2016 20:41

Well you could've tried to hide your good deeds a little better like this
Mark, nothing on this site can sneak past you

I posted it in the hope of encouraging someone else (and getting a pat on the back
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Re: looking for help
Posted by trysohard - 09 Oct 2016 23:24

That was the shortest
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post on my thread.

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Re: looking for help
Posted by trysohard - 10 Oct 2016 03:24

The way to make sure everyone reads something is to put it in a spoiler.
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Re: looking for help
Posted by Markz - 10 Oct 2016 04:26

Yes

You realize that \$180 goes a long way

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