

Getting Worse..

Posted by DesperateForChange - 24 Aug 2014 20:54

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It's not fun but I guess this is where everyone ends up when they hit rock bottom - talking about it and realizing that now is the time to get a grip on the situation.

Well I feel I've finally hit rock bottom.

I grew up in a Das Torah family but living in the 21st century means that noone is protected. From friends discussions as a kid to the local news shops displaying nude magazines, I grew up with not just knowing about the concept but experiencing being exposed to graphic material.

As the years went on it's gotten worse until finally r"I it got to a level that even shocked me. I understand this isn't necessarily the place for venting and revealing all but I really need help. It's time to do all the things I've been reading about on this website - the filters, sponsors, and big book discussions.

I'm crying and feel I have failed my entire kohol, my family and my Judaism which has been really on the up. I can't understand why, when a person is achieving such great things in the realm of doing good that his desires become so strong.

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Re: Getting Worse..

Posted by cordnoy - 26 Aug 2014 21:45

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To echo what Gibbor was sayin', I cited this on a different thread today:

For those who enter recovery through this program, the realization of powerlessness becomes coupled with growing awareness of personal unmanageability-the fact that something is out of kilter at the core of the self. For it is our very self that has turned from life. If we are content with ourselves, simply minus the compulsion, there can be no recovery. Recovery is more than mere sobriety.

Deep inside we always knew there were other things wrong with us, and it turns out our addictions were really trying to keep us from facing them. This is why, once the initial surrender of Steps One, Two, and Three is made, Steps Four through Ten deal with exposing, confessing, and righting our wrongs.

In sobriety we quickly learn that we are just as powerless over other defects that begin to surface (resentment, for example) as we ever were over lust, sex, and dependency. The fact that these other problems aren't necessarily as obvious as lust can seduce us into the notion we're really okay. We can go for stretches of time without acting out on them, but when things go wrong, watch out! They burst forth with a fearsome vengeance and fury. Bad feelings boil up as if out of nowhere-feelings that are against others, that isolate us and force us back into the prison-house of the self. We'd rather believe such outbursts are simply results of what others are doing to us, unwilling to see that we think and act badly because there's something wrong inside us. As though bitter waters can spring up from a pure well.

What great relief to finally come to the place where we can say, not only "I'm powerless over lust," but "I'm powerless over me!"

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Re: Getting Worse..

Posted by dms1234 - 26 Aug 2014 22:08

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I would suggest chatting with someone here like a mentor or if your going to do the 12 steps one of the mentors there to help sort out all of this stuff and so you can actually start working on yourself instead of just thinking about it

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Re: Getting Worse..

Posted by Dr.Watson - 27 Aug 2014 00:50

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[DesperateForChange wrote:](#)

@Dr Watson - I don't understand. there are thousands of people in our community and they're all doing fine. How have I not failed them by being one of the only guys falling off onto the side in this area.

Keep on posting, keep on sharing, follow the advice the tzaddikim here give you. You will understand.

Like I said, if Hashem wanted someone perfect who never did anything wrong, He would have created you that way. He created you exactly the way He wanted you to be. Trust that He knew what He was doing when He created you. He's never wrong.

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Re: Getting Worse..

Posted by Bigmoish - 27 Aug 2014 07:26

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@big moish - I'm hearing a lot of times 'you're awesome'. I just don't see it at the moment. Maybe I'm awesome in other areas but at the moment in this area I can't deny being a loser.

If you recognize that it's just "this area" of you that's "not awesome," why not take a step back and look at yourself as a whole? I'm an awesome person with tons of great qualities. One of my flaws is that I have a lust addiction/habit. I'm failing to see the contradiction.

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Keep up the good work! (KUTGW)  
I'm not sure where these statistics are from, but I'm personally unconvinced. I honestly feel extremely lucky that my situation got bad enough for me to turn to GYE. If I would never have come here, I would just continue my futile attempts to "fight" tayvah without ever recognizing what the proper tools are, and I believe that many in our community who are "doing fine" are not doing nearly as fine as they appear.

Keep on Trucking, Posting, Monster Trucking, and whatever else keeps your mind focused in the right direction!

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