

A Poll - Your Biggest Concern

Posted by cordnoy - 18 Dec 2014 09:44

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Posted by will Succeed Beh - 07 Dec 2016 17:44

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Re: A Poll - Your Biggest Concern

Posted by cordnoy - 07 Dec 2016 18:42

[will Succeed Beh wrote on 07 Dec 2016 17:44:](#)

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Masturbation

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Re: A Poll - Your Biggest Concern
Posted by YidFromMonsey - 07 Dec 2016 18:52

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Posted by cordnoy - 07 Dec 2016 18:58

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That's reserved for copouts.

This poll is for men only.

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Re: A Poll - Your Biggest Concern
Posted by mirror - 11 Dec 2016 18:44

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Re: A Poll - Your Biggest Concern
Posted by cordnoy - 11 Dec 2016 19:48

[mirror wrote on 11 Dec 2016 18:44:](#)

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Re: A Poll - Your Biggest Concern
Posted by Meier - 12 Dec 2016 20:36

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Re: A Poll - Your Biggest Concern
Posted by will Succeed Beh - 13 Dec 2016 11:43

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Re: A Poll - Your Biggest Concern
Posted by cordnoy - 13 Dec 2016 13:10

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If I would have created the poll today, I would include a "none of the above" option. Not because I have no concerns, for I might have many, but rather, because those concerns do not run, control and manage my life; I am merely concerned with livin' life.

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Posted by cordnoy - 26 Feb 2017 22:46

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Re: A Poll - Your Biggest Concern
Posted by Singularity - 27 Feb 2017 09:38

[cordnoy wrote on 26 Feb 2017 22:46:](#)

[cordnoy wrote on 18 Dec 2014 09:44:](#)

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Trigger happy at work because it's most accessible.

Keep it a poll. Don't make it all cosmic and turn it into art.
Reminds me, I gotta update my TAPHSIC for 90 and onwards, PG...

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Re: A Poll - Your Biggest Concern
Posted by cordnoy - 05 Mar 2017 01:10

[Watson wrote on 04 Mar 2017 21:28:](#)

[chizukconstant wrote on 02 Mar 2017 14:55:](#)

Thanks for the support.

I don't know why I censored out that word. Probably because typing it makes my embarrassment more real to me. Its hard for me to admit that this is a problem for me even though I know it is and it has been for a long time. I wish I could be like other people that don't seem to struggle with porn. And even those that do seem to have it under control. Yet, me I'm weak.

Yes it is true that every time I fall I end up picking myself up at some point and try again. But is that because I want to change or just because I feel so low and despicable in my eyes that I am left with no choice?

I know I want to change. Or at least I know I need to. At some point I will get caught and my life will be destroyed. But can I really imagine never looking at a naked girl again? Do I really want to give up that thrill of looking at porn?

Yes, I understand that the pain afterwards is way worse than the joy. But in some way it still seems worth it. Perhaps that is my issue. Maybe I don't want to really succeed enough to actually win this battle.

Confused..

I've had the exact same thoughts many times. I want to be sober but I also want to enjoy porn.

I spent years trying to control and enjoy lust without losing my sobriety. I felt that the problem was masturbation to completion. That was what was clearly written about in halocho. Anything less than that was not smart because because it led to masturbation, but if I could do it and get away with it, that was great.

So I would use lust to enjoy myself but try to force myself to not masturbate to completion. Anything less than that was OK in my eyes. Not smart, but not a fall, who was I hurting? Of course I always fell in the end, and always wondered why.

I have to realise that for me it's not the porn that's the problem, or the masturbation. It's the lust. The fantasy. Objectifying women I see. Imagining them naked. Wanting them. When I start that it makes me feel so uncomfortable because the more I do it the more I need a release. So of course I'll end up back watching porn eventually. Of course I'll end up touching myself 'a little too long', then thumping the table in anger "how could it have happened again!"

I've found that stress was a trigger to act out. Then I found that the feeling of stress being resolved was a trigger. Sadness was a trigger, so was happiness. Getting money, losing money. Having a late night, having a early night, etc etc.

The problem is not in the externals. It's not in my circumstances. It's in me.

Sure, learning how to cope with stress is useful. But some stress is unavoidable and will always be a potential trigger. As will smooth sailing, anger, resentments, fear, hunger. Anything. There's no point for me running away from triggers. Every aspect of life can be a trigger.

So the real question is as you so wonderfully put it. Why should I stop watching porn if I enjoy

it?

Do you though? Is it still fun?

For me, watching porn is being in a very dark place. As soon as I turn it on I feel the darkness close in. I can't see anything on the other side of the darkness. I feel panic, fear, hopelessness. I need to watch the porn to numb myself from the horrible feelings caused by watching porn. It's not fun anymore, it's horrible.

Amazingly, when I give it up, not just the porn but all the lust - the fantasies, the looking at the women around me, the thinking about what it would be like, I feel fine. It's fine. There's no desperation to find porn, I'm not even fighting myself or using self-control, I just feel fine and serene. And I don't have to count days anymore, it's become irrelevant. I'm not holding on until the next relapse. All that's important is to be lust-free today.

G-d makes that possible. When I ask Him to remove my lust He's willing and able to do so. All I need to do is be willing to let Him take it away completely, no strings attached. Asking Him to take the porn while I hold onto the lust doesn't work. Half measures avail nothing. But when I allow Him to take all the lust, life becomes so much more wonderful and peaceful.

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Re: A Poll - Your Biggest Concern
Posted by stillgoing - 25 Nov 2018 17:31

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Re: A Poll - Your Biggest Concern

Posted by cordnoy - 01 May 2019 20:08

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- end quote.

I agree with your reversal, but we are still in the minority.

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