

**My Story**Posted by JoyOfLife - 12 Jul 2018 14:12

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I'm a married 28 year old with BH beautiful children. My first exposure to pornography was even before I had any desires - by a friends house. As I became older being that I had open internet I was curious and got hooked. Fast forward till now. Along the way there were plenty of ups and even more downs. I was embarrassed of my issue although contrary to what many people feel I felt that most guys have this problem so it wasn't such a major problem. Currently I have a top notch filter combined with accountability and can't really get around them. The major problem for me is that the second I have open internet access I know what I would do. I feel like an addict that can't drink because there is nothing to drink but in essence am still an addict. Its such a beracha to be truly free not just in body but also in mind. This is why I'm reaching out and trying to really break this addiction with others who have struggled and gone through this already/those who are still struggling. Any advice/chizuk goes a long way. (That wasn't as hard as I thought it would be. It took me months till I decided to post something here)

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Il know, by me, it just seems that she's interested (and it is in our minds that she's sayin', "let's do it tonight"), but rather, it's more of a lovin' touch.

And yes, even when they truly are (miraculously) hormonized-up during the day, it does not mean at all that this will last until the night time hours.

I wish I knew, really knew, the above for the first couple of decades in my marriage.

Godspeed to all

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Change some of the details, but basically the story of my life. It was finally figured out for me that I need to work on myself, but it's tough and the details can make a difference.

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I'd be glad to. First, kindly look at my two main threads (found in my signature). They are long, but imho, well worth it, especially the posts written by others.

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I know when you read the instructions it sounds like it will never work ...

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Wow, you weren't kidding when you said they were long! I spent a few hours reading them and am nowhere near finishing it. Its interesting to see that quite a few people on the thread are now moderators/administrators

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