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Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 16 Apr 2019 16:26

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Re: Just to introduce myself and ask some advice
Posted by bego - 16 Apr 2019 16:53

Hiya

Definitely the right place to post! The first thing I'd say is that you've done really well finding your way here. I didn't know about this place until I was much older and would have loved to know at a younger age!

Second thing is that its normal for all of us not to know why the fall happened. From being tired to being angry to a million other reasons, its something we can all relate to. There are, of course, some common causes (such as the two I listed), but there are plenty more (don't forget the basic seeing a good looking woman in the street!) When I was in Yeshiva I was able to find the most bizarre "turn ons," we're men, that's what we need to work on.

One point I do want to stress. Don't worry too much (I humbly suggest) about the Bittul Torah aspect. I know the Vilna Gaon is very busy working out how much Torah we are Mevatel, but I think this is more fundamental. We can drive ourselves crazy worrying about such things but going crazy doesn't actually help!

Be strong and carry on posting.

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Re: Just to introduce myself and ask some advice
Posted by Mosheisgood - 16 Apr 2019 17:51

Kudos to you for coming out here!!!

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Posted by Markz - 16 Apr 2019 17:57

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Put it up anonymously on the Yeshiva bulletin board!!

Then you'll likely meet a lightly fried guy who visits gye called Shnitzel & Kugel, or Yankel, or maybe even the Rebbe Bards himself.

Posting on on this forum doesn't always get the traction you may be looking for.

If the Yeshiva has no Bulletin Board, go buy one.

How do they expect Yeshiva guys to break free without one??

Use your Maaser Money. Do whatever it takes.

Clean 25 gye trucks b4 Passover if you need!

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Welcome to gye, I'm also in Yeshivah..

Would you mind explaining what you mean you don't enjoy it? Is there something/someone forcing you to turn to porn?

I understand you block the screen as you feel guilty however I believe your yh does enjoy porn and being honest about that, is a great place to start, working through different tools to stop you and get you out from this dirt...

Hope I wasn't too sharp and stick around gye no matter what.

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Re: Just to introduce myself and ask some advice
Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 16 Apr 2019 18:10

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Re: Just to introduce myself and ask some advice
Posted by formfamily - 16 Apr 2019 18:23

I don't think there is any reason to think you will not have a good sex life when you are married. You can't possibly know that now. That said, everyone here understands that how we act and how we think is not always rational so nothing we do has to make total sense to us. In reality though, if you are able to rid yourself of this problem, you will almost definitely have a better sex life when you do get married than if you continue. I can speak from personal experience on this. I am certain now that my sex life with my wife would have been way better from day 1 if I had not engaged in such activities for years leading up to getting married and even more so continuing after we were married. Porn warps your view of what intimacy is all about and it prevents you from connecting fully with the person who wants to satisfy you in that way.

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Re: Just to introduce myself and ask some advice
Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 16 Apr 2019 18:33

I'm not married but from a bochur perspective I know the more porn I watch the bigger negative effect it'll have when I get married.

Really if it's lust then no amount will satisfy you.. and let's say your marriage sex life wont be wnouge for you, how exactly is watching pornography as a bochur going to make up for it..

When you get married and still not satisfied go watch porn then.. actually **Don't**, but you get my point..

Point is you don't enjoy all parts of the videos but one part you do, so thats why thank the eibishter for leading you to this site so you can be a lucky person and enter marriage **clean** and trained in dealing with the lust.

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Re: Just to introduce myself and ask some advice
Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 16 Apr 2019 19:48

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Re: Just to introduce myself and ask some advice
Posted by Mosheisgood - 16 Apr 2019 23:18

Why "Ad Meah Veessim"?! Why not just TODAY!!!!

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Replying to this and also your question above as to why you do things.

You seem like a smart guy. You seem to think a lot which gives rise to questions and also to fears that most likely don't have any basis in reality. But hey, if we only did things based in reality none of us would be here (someone else made that point recently but I cant recall who). So, why do you do it? Because its hard not to. Because once you start you crave more. You also feel guilty, so you find a way to creep towards it until you cant stop yourself. Our minds are very powerful and play some good games with us!!

You asked Shnitzel about what to do during Bein Hazemanim. Help your mother!! If you are not learning then help out. And go out with friends. Don't be bored whatever you do. Now, that doesn't mean to use distractions. That can lead to depression. Rather, focus on the beftis of what you are doing and why you are doing them. Go out with friends not just to pass the time, but to make friends and to enjoy your chaverims company because that's worthwile b'etzem.

if you do find yourself alone. Try your hardest not to touch yourself anywhere that's sensitive.

But most of all, remember its okay if you fail. Not because (as per your other post) of some vague idea of Hashem being a nice grandfather in the sky, but because the Avoda of a Yid is to have bechiro, to make mistakes and to live to fight another day.

Good luck.

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It's hard to give an answer because it depends on each individuain circumstances and whilst being in Yeshiva with not much time and less access it's much easier to have a plan.

however when it comes to bein hazmanim you'll have to make a stronger plan and as bego pointed out make sure you don't get into a *bored situation*, have a back up plan what you'll do if you ever get bored and always best to do hobbies to distract yourself whilst enjoying yourself as bego mentioned.

end of the day we turn to porn (at least me) cuz we dont have enough positive enjoyment.

Good luck and *never give up!*

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Re: Just to introduce myself and ask some advice
Posted by Chassidishe buchur - 01 May 2019 01:04

I hope your plan worked.

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Re: Just to introduce myself and ask some advice
Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 01 May 2019 22:20

What plan sorry? Honestly feels like all I've been doing is sitting and resisting these incredible urges. Learning about half as much as I would like. But baruch Hashem today was such a struggle and Hashem didn't let me fall!

Like I resigned to myself I'm going to fall, then Hashem made me busy with helping my mother. Later I asked Hashem for a sign he's with me, went to the kitchen, got a drink, and when drinking, water went down funny and I did that (non serious) cough choke thing. Happens super rarely to me. Seriously feels Hashem's helping so much.

Just a random bit of chizuk

I once heard a story how a Rav asked a bachur after he finished saying shema 'was it hard?' The bachur was totally confused. 'I've done it twice a day, every day for years and years. How can it be hard?' The rav replied 'When you say Shema, you are acknowledging Hashem's will is the only one, and you are putting the yoke of heaven upon yourself. You can't just follow you're desires, you have to do what He wants. How is that not hard?'

I hope you have loads of Hatzlocha, and I know you probably weren't expecting a rant, but I just need to let go sometimes, you know? You can probably sense my newby energy, but I'm about to go to bed so thats probably a bad thing...

?Anyway thanks again to everyone. May we all succeed in getting through JUST THIS DAY!!!

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