

My problem

Posted by his8sm - 11 Aug 2020 12:02

Hello everyone

Does anyone else have the problem I continually have (and possibly many men, frum or otherwise). It rarely leads to acting out or viewing inappropriate material in the full sense (few times a year) but rather the mental lusting is a constant, when I go to the park, when I go to the shops-etc. I can easily do the 90 days thing for acting out but its for this daily, minute by minute struggle, I feel I need support with.

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Re: My problem

Posted by yitzchokm - 06 Feb 2024 18:50

Maybe understand that she has a private life and you are intruding.

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Posted by redfaced - 06 Feb 2024 19:08

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By praying for her that she have a pleasant day, etc. your brain stops objectifying her. If that doesn't work, imagine tapping her on the shoulder and telling her you appreciate looking at her because it arouses you sexually. After she bites and scratches you and has you arrested, you won't do that again so fast.

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Don't apologize!! I need to hear this straight up...

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Posted by davidt - 06 Feb 2024 21:38

The goal of applying this perspective of deobjectifying is to help us live with the truth and move away from bad dimyon and sheker.

Shlomo Hamelech says in Mishlei (9 17): ????? ?????????? ?????????? ???????? ?????????? ???????? - "Stolen waters are sweet, and hidden bread is pleasing". Rav Avigdor Miller, ztz"l, explains the reason for the sweetness – because it's not yours. When a glass of that glistening, sparkling water is handed to you and is honestly yours, suddenly the magic is gone and it's quite tasteless. Much of the allur is simply because it is forbidden.

When it comes to the Yetzer Hara attacking our minds with inappropriate lusting, we are encouraged by chazal to imagine them as barrels full of excrement and blood! We can--and should--picture them in our minds as getting old, overweight, worn, bad breath, etc. We should even picture them in our minds as rotting corpses if necessary! We can use the very power of "dimyon" that the Yetzer Hara uses to make us "imagine" we could have them, to "imagine" them in the worst ways possible.

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Part of the reason I constantly keep on looking is; cuz the way I respond to these obsession's or obsession's in general is that I keep on ruminating, with the subconscious belief that if I dwell long enough, ill have control over them or even better, make it go away.. but its a false belief and it aint making things any better

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Re: My problem

Posted by youknowwho - 07 Feb 2024 02:37

Thank you willdoit, davidt and redfaced for this substantive discussion today, I found it really helpful!

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what works for me:

i think to myself ,if id be walking with my wife, and id tell her,

"honey give me a min, i need to *gaze* at mrs bitcha, she *arouses* me",

what would be her response/thought.

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