

growing higher

Posted by gettingthere9 - 04 Jun 2021 19:32

Here we go...

I am new here and have been looking around GYE for the last few days...

OMG!!! I feel like Harry Potter visiting Diagon alley for the first time...

The ppl here are so inspirational and so amazing!

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Re: growing higher

Posted by gettingthere9 - 01 Oct 2021 22:43

Really hard last few days. BH still hangin in there.

Hopefully will get better soon!

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Re: growing higher

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 02 Oct 2021 17:25

[gettingthere9 wrote on 01 Oct 2021 01:20:](#)

Been having lots of urges today and wasn't so careful with my eyes.

Today wasn't how it is supposed to be. I need to be more careful and not lose sight of the ultimate goal, which is my life. long term. not the chart.

To *grow higher* and become a different and better person.

Urges are normal, they are part of being a healthy and functional human being. They will pass eventually, the less you stress about them the quicker it takes. I find that distracting myself is the best way to not stress about them, some people use "urge surfing" I've tried that too and it can also work if I am in the right frame of mind.

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This is a difficult statement to live with. It may be better to say something like, tomorrow I will do "x" "y" and "z" so that this doesn't happen again.

It's normal to have hard days or even weeks so when they come along, have a plan prepared. A hobby, some exercise, a good bike ride, or a good Tosafos, whatever works for you.

Keep it up bro!

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Re: growing higher

Posted by gettingthere9 - 04 Oct 2021 04:10

The problem is that sometimes it's really my fault...

Here's a story from today, in the morning there was someone dressed in a very provocative way and she was really triggering to me. I was driving somewhere and had to pass by her house where she was waiting with her kids for the bus or something. I *could* have turned around and gone out of my way like a real tzaddik, but hey... Her house is the corner house and I needed to turn at that corner, which I should have done... instead I turned *out of my way* to pass by her directly, to be able to stare at her for a few moments longer (how slow could I drive...).

EWWW... Ya thinking about it now doesn't sound very appetizing, kind of sick and gross.

BUT... on the positive side, on the way back home I had a fight with myself weather or not to go that way.

I said that I am getting myself into trouble. He said that it feels so good. I said that it isn't good, and I am going to be in big trouble if I go down that road (no pun intended...). He said that you are missing out and you neeeded to go just to feel that pleasure. I looked in the mirror (figurative one) and said really? do I really need it? What's going to happen to me if lets say I go that way and she isn't even there anymore? Am I going to fall apart? I'm actually probably gonna be relieved. So why not skip it entirely and not put myself into the situation a second time.

Then the clincher was when I thought, if I give in and lets say she is gone, I just lost a battle and I didn't even get any enjoyment out of it. But if I go the other way, even if she isn't outside anymore I still get schar as if she was there cuz I already committed to avoid her house!

Warning: Spoiler!

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Posted by wilnevergiveup - 04 Oct 2021 06:10

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What's the plan for next time? Distraction? Putting on a shiur? Think of something that you can do for next time. Don't mope about the past, Make changes for the future. If you can use that as a way to better understand yourself and make a better plan, it actually becomes part of your recovery.

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I'm not moping. I have moved past it. It was just an example.

Also I think I misuse the word urge...

I think I just mean that I simply want the pleasure really badly.

I think I need to revamp my plan though like you wrote.

What am I going to do in the future when I end up in such a spot??

Distractions don't work so much for me cuz I can't learn then cuz my brain is fried but I need a mental distraction not a physical one... maybe music or something...

I am not sure if I have an answer yet but I'm open to suggestions...

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Re: growing higher

Posted by gettingthere9 - 04 Oct 2021 19:07

Today I had a scary slip. Scary part was that the whole time I 'knew' that I would never end up doing it and that's how I excused myself going so far...

I won some battles and pushed it off a few times until I said OK enough is enough, what on earth are you doing to yourself?? You gotta stop!!

I then realized that there was only like an hour left till my wife was coming home and then I will be fine. So I committed that if I touch or do anything serious, I will tell her when she comes home. Bh that worked. (I also tried to call a few people to shmooz with but they didn't answer...)

SO... plan... plan... plan...

All help is welcome. (practical, not literature please.)

1) Post 90 day goal that's short and sweet. One day at a time. (sometimes one hour at a time)

2) Plan for bein hazmaim. The rest of this one, and the next one....

Really I have plenty of stuff to do... I think I'm just too lazy and want to chill during my vacation... I think I need to prioritize better. (suggestions welcome)

3) When I end up in a sticky situation, before it spirals out of control, I need to have a plan. Perhaps to have someone on speed dial to call or text. (suggestions welcome)

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Hi

I didn't stress enough that you are a real inspiration for me, your thread really inspired me. i was just trying to say a point that could help.

I really feel your pain.

?Wishing you a lot of success

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Just saying, unless you are really stuck (with or without using the word "addict") doing something "really big" will do more harm than good. They say it's like giving chemo for a cold, way too much information.

I get the feeling of wanting to blow up this up until there is nothing left but that's not always the best idea. If you want to do something powerful, pick up the phone and call a GYE friend or mentor. If you've done that already and keep it up, then wait patiently, put in the work and if things don't progress over time (a few months) then you can start exploring other options. You have to have patience, you wont overcome in one week what you spent years and years building up.

Therapy is another thing to consider probably before SA, but that is debatable.

Wilnevergiveup

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You are a hundred percent right, you are by far not at the same place. And one of the main things to know is that you are allowed to have a hard day.

keep it up, and sorry for my reaction.

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Re: growing higher

Posted by gettingthere9 - 06 Oct 2021 01:40

Just spoke to HashemHelpMe to get some hadracha.

Thank you so much for setting me straight!

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