Working on myself Posted by alter7 - 21 Apr 2023 15:40

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I have more to say, but enough for now.

(The only way i see me being active and post, is if people engage and there is discussions, so please reply and let's get the conversation going)

Re: Working on myself Posted by EccentricComposer - 21 Apr 2023 19:39

Hi, welcome to the forum! it's amazing that you're taking the initiative to hold yourself back! I was wondering, though, what was the inspiration for you to start? I hope you have Hatzlacha, it's a big chizuk to me to hear about someone like you! Thank you so much! Reach out to me if you need anything, I'd love to help!

Re: Working on myself Posted by Eerie - 21 Apr 2023 19:39

Hey, welcome to the family! Although you are definitely on a better starting point then I, it's

beautiful to see people looking to keep shteiging, and people that have never P or M'd! That's incredible! ???? ?????! You are one out of many many thousands! Make sure you keep it that way:) Keep sharing, my friend

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Re: Working on myself Posted by Vehkam - 21 Apr 2023 21:06

Hi there great to have you here. It is important to recognize that working on areas in which you are challenged is the best way to catapult yourself to growth. Every time you turn away, You are not merely maintaining kedusha you are actively growing and heading towards greatness.

Re: Working on myself Posted by Emes-a-Yid - 21 Apr 2023 22:01

Welcome aboard. There's a lot of greatness in the ones that are on here, and now we have another! Hatzlacha, as Eerie said better starting point than I as well, it's still very exciting to see you want to achieve as much as you can- very inspirational!!

Re: Working on myself Posted by excellence - 23 Apr 2023 14:59

Welcome on board, you can definitely receive a lot of help here, however at the same time if you don't struggle at all with p & m then you may end up being "exposed/influenced" from things us guys write here.... I suggest in your situation a partner and webchaver and reading books in the library section or watching gye vids will help you a lot.

Re: Working on myself Posted by monseyyid41 - 23 Apr 2023 15:24 Welcome, R' Altar. It's always nice to have someone new join the chaburah here. One thing that you'll notice here is that although everyone may have a different struggle and may be holding in a different place, we are all working to become better and we are all here for each other. So thanks for sharing and keep posting. And feel free to reach out. All the best.

Re: Working on myself Posted by alter7 - 23 Apr 2023 17:39

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one of my main triggers is that i am very curious, i always want to know what each s* terms means and what it is, and things like that.

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Or, i should work on myself to not have to know everything?

What other chizuk or ideas do you have?

Re: Working on myself Posted by alter7 - 23 Apr 2023 17:59

I also realized that when i am stressed out from my job, or when finances are not so good, then i am much more inclined to fall.

Re: Working on myself Posted by Eerie - 23 Apr 2023 18:56

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If I may suggest, reach out to a trusted friend, maybe a new one from GYE, and ask away. There is nothing wrong with learning, but if you do it in a secretive way, trying to figure it out, than it will feed into your wrong desires. And Excellence has an excellent point. Since you are in a wonderful place, perhaps the forum will be an exposure to ideas that you didn't have to know. One last point, curiosity is not always a good thing

Re: Working on myself Posted by Grant400 - 23 Apr 2023 19:43

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Welcome!

I also am a curious person, about most things. I also fall under the guise of "I'm just curious". Whether it's a term, a video headline or a documentary about a sexual topic etc...

After digging deep I've realized that it's not curiousity prompting me to click on it, but rather it's LUST!

It may be hard to admit, or even take time to reach that recognition. But I sincerely believe that with honesty you will come to realize that you aren't really as curious to know what a term means as much as you'd like to fantasize or watch what it means.

Continue to work on your overall lust, everything else is just an offshoot or excuse.

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Re: Working on myself Posted by alter7 - 23 Apr 2023 21:31

Maybe you are right, I will need to think about it.

The main problem is that i didn't got any normal education on this topic, and i do want to have a better sexual life with my wife, so where should i go?

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Re: Working on myself Posted by Crabapple18 - 23 Apr 2023 21:51

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Hi, Welcome.

I'm not sure I understand what you're asking. Where are the thoughts in your head directed to most of the day?

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Re: Working on myself Posted by doingtshuva - 23 Apr 2023 21:52

Welcome R' alter,

I too, am a very curious guy.

Gye forums are very open and if you say that you never P&M, so first, I think you are a Tzadik, and I also hope that exposing yourself wont make you even more curious.

Not that if you did p&m, you are not a tzadik, just you might be a bigger tzadik than those who did p&m.

To the point, on gye you wont get any education about better sex, a ruv or a madrich will do a better job.

Be honest and I am sure you will find people who share you struggle.

You can enter Gye libery guardyoureyes.com/articles/featured/category/features

Re: Working on myself Posted by excellence - 24 Apr 2023 20:34

Dear Alter,

Many of us here, inc myself are very curious.... its normal, we don't gain much from this sort of knowledge, however your fully entitled to calm that curiosity by asking the right person, rather than browsing... The only knowledge that really nags at me is understanding all the different terms used in chazal and I don't see anything wrong in clarifying that. U can post here that you have unanswered questions and I'm sure friends will reach out to you, to calm your curiosity in a clean and healthy manner.

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