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Posted by jacksmith - 16 Jun 2023 03:28

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Re: Thankful, grateful, and yet hypocritical  
Posted by FighterWithFire - 16 Jun 2023 03:41

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Incredible first post, one of the most impactful stories I've read on here in quite some time.

Welcome to the best army in the world. Boot camp begins now. It's not going to be easy, but brutal honesty such as this is a terrific start. You've tasted the most materialistic "pleasures" of ???? ??, and yet you're still here. That speaks volumes about your self-awareness and character. It shows that for all your (as you term it) "hypocrisy", you realize that you have a problem. And as the late R' Dr. Avraham Twerski said, that's half the battle already solved.

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Once again, welcome to the fight.

FighterWithFire

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Re: Thankful, grateful, and yet hypocritical  
Posted by iLoveHashem247 - 13 Jul 2023 23:43

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Hi

Welcome

how are you?

How's your journey

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Re: Thankful, grateful, and yet hypocritical

Posted by NYA067 - 16 Jul 2023 04:10

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Wow what an incredible story. Your a real fighter for coming here and continuing the battle. I'm extremely inspired.

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Re: Thankful, grateful, and yet hypocritical

Posted by Wannabebetter1 - 19 Jul 2023 16:16

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Wow!! I'm really inspired by your ongoing life story. Just to keep in mind, and forget for a second abt what's going on now, YOU ARE A TREMENDOUS GIBOR! For all that you've already done to change around your life around 360, out of the seductive world and into a Torah life. Kol haKavod!

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Posted by richtig - 19 Jul 2023 16:31

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fascinating story, waiting to hear more:)

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