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Re: Hello

Posted by ainshumyeiush - 05 Oct 2023 12:57

First off, congrats on making the huge jump from reading to posting. I feel that posting and getting involved is a huge help for myself. To quote some lyrics from a certain song i like "its funny how i can give the best advice but i cant follow" im sure you can relate. But i feel that posting helps me internalize everything.

secondly i hope you get hit by the steam roller of change.

And most important, ditch this 'sliver of hope' business. GET HYPED!!!

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Posted by redfaced - 05 Oct 2023 13:58

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Welcome aboard . I too lurked for years before starting to get involved.

You'll find that when you are driving a monster truck like the rest of us here , busses dont stand a chance against you.

Keep on posting & sharing - we're here for you .

There is a very bright light at the end of the tunnel- and all the way throughout (Unfortunately for me i live in NJ so the other end of the tunnel is NY.)

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Posted by cordnoy - 05 Oct 2023 14:03

[Adam2014 wrote on 05 Oct 2023 09:42:](#)

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Welcome.

Nothin' to worry about; Gevurah is the only one who drives a bus around here, and he's otherwise occupied, plus he looks both ways before crossin'.

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Re: Hello

Posted by Vehkam - 05 Oct 2023 18:19

Welcome to the club. May that sliver become larger and larger as you push forward in the right direction one small step at a time.

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Posted by bright - 05 Oct 2023 19:18

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Good for you for taking the initiative! Why do you feel like you need to stop and why "cant" you?

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Re: Hello

Posted by adam2014 - 06 Oct 2023 10:28

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Sounds like you dont have filters on your devices.

That would seem like a logical first step. Its kinda hard to wean a baby off the bottle while he still has it in his mouth

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Re: Hello

Posted by Grant400 - 06 Oct 2023 14:41

Welcome!

Sounds like you have a lot going for you in life bh. Stick around and you will definitely have more than a sliver of hope!

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Re: Hello

Posted by chaimoigen - 06 Oct 2023 15:22

Welcome. Here's a warm hand.

Less lonely when walking together with others. There's hope.

I like the way you articulated that this problem if impacting your self-esteem and you are not the person you really are. The fact that after many years you still have the freshness and awareness that there's a "you" that larger, and wish to be him, evidences your depth and perception.

Glad you started posting. Stick around. You'll find new doorways here, friend.

Chaim Oigen

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Re: Hello

Posted by bright - 06 Oct 2023 23:01

How about an accountability partner?

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Re: Hello

Posted by adam2014 - 08 Oct 2023 10:45

I am trying to figure out the filters. I have a company issued phone that I can't touch. It is not monitored very closely, so I can get away with looking at inappropriate stuff. I would not look at actual porn, but as we all know, there are many things on the internet that can be a trigger that is otherwise socially acceptable.

At home, my wife has a laptop and computer that I have access to at any time and can't put filter on those, also we have a family desktop computer that we both use. I could filter or better yet, just get rid of my own laptop.. but that would not solve the problem.

I may just return the company phone and buy myself a Flip Phone and be done with it. I think that I could convince my boss that I do not need the iPhone.

So, it is a work in progress... I would love some tips and tricks if you guys have any.

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Re: Hello

Posted by frank.lee - 08 Oct 2023 13:33

Check into techloq, I've had good experiences with them. You can use it and it won't hobble your work... very adjustable.

also consider webchaver.

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AMAZING !!!

More of the same!

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