

A bit skeptical

Posted by yesoidshebiyisoid - 11 Oct 2023 06:42

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Re: A bit skeptical

Posted by bego - 11 Oct 2023 09:57

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[yesoidshebiyisoid wrote on 11 Oct 2023 06:42:](#)

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I would suggest the first stage is being honest with yourself. How is this affecting you and why do you want to stop. If it is frumkeit (not a bad thing, just saying) then why would this desire to stop be stronger / easier to act on than your desire to learn more / daven better.

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Re: A bit skeptical  
Posted by Captain - 11 Oct 2023 13:32

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Please read Vehkam's thread:

[guardyoureyes.com/forum/4-On-the-Way-to-90-Days/375452-Work-in-progress](https://guardyoureyes.com/forum/4-On-the-Way-to-90-Days/375452-Work-in-progress)

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Posted by yesoidshebiyisoid - 11 Oct 2023 18:17

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I understand that there must be an absolute will to change and that you want nothing of these atrocities, but last year that's what I did which is what got me to 16 days, but after I fell I haven't

gotten up. I'm wondering, what are some practical steps in overcoming these challenges?

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Re: A bit skeptical  
I guess posting on the GYE forum is a first...

Posted by Healing - 11 Oct 2023 19:46

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Welcome welcome! I'm so happy that you joined, it makes me think that you are a smart fellow and will IYH reach your goals. Unfortunately, there are so many ppl your age who don't join and end up causing themselves a lot of pain in their life.

Consistent.

Fight.

No looking back.

Focus on the moment.

Love yourself.

Accept yourself.

Be proud of what you've done.

Smile at your best friend you see every time you look into the mirror.

Remember, that the world becomes a better place when guiding ourselves from sin.

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Re: A bit skeptical

Posted by eerie - 15 Oct 2023 19:14

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Hi! Welcome to the family. There are truly many people who have been helped immensely by this place, many using it in addition to the other things they are doing to break free. Can you? Sure! Posting is a very nice first step, my friend. Stick around, check out the f2f program, which shares some vital info, read the forum, check out some old threads, there is a lot to learn about

yourself and about the struggle. And when you are ready, reach out to someone. Connecting to someone live made all the difference to me, and to many others. You'll learn a lot, you can get real chizuk in continuing to the finish line! My friend, please stick around and let us know how you are doing. We care about you, and we want to hear from you. So please keep sharing! And of course, keep trucking!

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Re: A bit skeptical

Posted by excellence - 16 Oct 2023 13:30

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Get a chaver to reach out too, not just via the forum. it's a life changer

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Re: A bit skeptical

Posted by nuchim - 16 Oct 2023 15:49

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right! and hasham will help you.

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I requested one. I'll check to see if he responded.

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