

Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by thompson - 01 Jul 2024 18:22

Hello, dear brothers, fighting the good fight.

I'm Thompson, and I come in peace - I don't bite.

I've tried many times to quit, and every time fell flat on my face prematurely.

By now, many porn sites have my email address stored (hopefully) securely.

So I figured, what harm can it do if I attempt to kick this via another anonymous online account -

Resembling the others - all of which only in an incognito window do I mount.

I'm now on day three in my quest toward a clean life,

I pray to our heavenly father that this time, I should get there without much strife.

Amen

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by yiftach - 09 Jul 2024 19:03

Bourbon, on the other hand, well it speaks for itself.

Woodford Reserve, that is!

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by thompson - 10 Jul 2024 13:57

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by thompson - 11 Jul 2024 14:11
Nondaily check-in:

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Posted by chosemyshem - 11 Jul 2024 14:23

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology

Posted by thompson - 12 Jul 2024 17:12

Shabbat Shalom, good people of GYEvile.

I pray to our heavenly Father that I should stay in my lane and not feel restricted and constricted while doing so.

See y'all on the other side. (That's a campaign promise.)

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology

Posted by thompson - 15 Jul 2024 14:23

Here we are, on the other side. Promises made and kept.

Shabbos came and went; it did its usual thing, and I BH didn't.

As in, I didn't pressure my wife for sex, I didn't get drunk, I didn't watch porn or masturbate.

Was nice.

Here's to another shtarka week.

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology

Posted by thompson - 15 Jul 2024 15:42

And after all that positivity, I was just hit with a desire to watch porn.

Something that'll give me momentary relief.

Perhaps add some excitement to this dull Monday morning.

I know all the logic against it, but this isn't a logical desire.

I was waiting for this moment, and here it is, in its full glory.

Praying that I won't let myself down.

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by chosemyshem - 15 Jul 2024 15:50

Hey if you want to talk it out, I just pm'ed you my google voice number.

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by thompson - 16 Jul 2024 14:45

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Awesome!

Helping others can be a great way to experience increase in your own inner worth, which in turn can strengthen your resolve across the board.

I'm sure those wonderful individuals, and many others would still love to connect with you.

Hatzlacha

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by thompson - 17 Jul 2024 20:10

I was one step closer than "about to start" some pornographic chats online, and a fellow GYE'er sent me a private message.

Just a random "How're you doin'?" at the right time. Saved by the bell.

I still have a slight desire to look up suggestive pictures and slide down that slippery slope. This ain't easy.

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology

Posted by proudyungerman - 18 Jul 2024 01:29

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This is true, however, (as you have mentioned in the past) there are some tools and ideas available to make it easier and more enjoyable to stop eating the junk...it don't have to be simple white-knuckling...

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology

Posted by oivedelokim - 18 Jul 2024 01:31

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Wow, posts like these make me wish there was a "retweet" or "bookmark" feature on GYE...

Thanks Reb Shem. Looking forward to reading more of your posts (and maybe even getting)

OivedElokim

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by chaimoigen - 18 Jul 2024 01:52

Tis a genuine pleasure (with a "p") to peruse the pages that introduce your pragmatic, personable profundity.

another call

I've been away, but I'm in the process of getting back into the swing of things. And it's a great honor to meet you, sir.

Each of us must walk this road, but the journey is far less lonely when you're doing so together with others who understand some of what it's like.

Here's a warm hand,

Chaim Oigen

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