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Posted by tzaddikvikam13 - 28 Aug 2024 00:52

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Re: My struggles with kedushah.

Posted by BenHashemBH - 02 Sep 2024 14:12

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Shalom Brother HopefulSwan,

Reb Cande is trying to help by getting clarification from TzadikVekam. This can help him get to the root of his situation and address it accurately.

The tone is Cande's style. Not defending it but making it known that it's not intending to be aggressive.

Kol tov

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Things that I'm too embarrassed to talk about, even on gye.

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It's more that when I schlep myself down with mz"l too often, and aveiros goreres aveirah, these teivos sometimes show up.

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Thats what I meant that '**never found any hana'ah in pixels**'

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Why are you asking?

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