

Incredible chizuk from Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach

Posted by Fortunate Man - 09 Dec 2013 08:07

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The Sefer V'Ha'er Eineinu quotes Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach, ZTs"l thus:

"Even if one only has instances of stumbling, without any successes whatsoever [in his struggle to break from of his lusts]; but he at least has the will and desire to become metukan in his shmiras einayim (i.e. to correct his erstwhile heinous passion for immodest gazing)," says Rav Shlomo Zalman: "he should rejoice with tremendous happiness that he is infused with this holy, pure desire, and he should remember that every time that his soul awakens with this ambition, the creates a profound nachas ruach for the Kadosh Baruch Hu."

I've found that it's that one victory that can lead to the next. Mitzvah goreres mitzvah. For me, when I am matzliach in shmiras einayim, and resist the temptation to indulge in my passions and taavos, that is a perfect time to ask for an extra jolt of siyatta d'shmaya to continue to succeed. [Like mamisch right now, as we are reading and thinking about this, and not indulging in our taavos].

So even if I fail once in a while, and lose the impetus to resist, and stam give in to my taavos, I know that I at least have this once success from before, plus this bakasha, plus the charata of a failure -- three separate categories of mitzvah in overcoming and defeating taavah.

(see further, V'Ha'er Eineinu, p. 75-76)

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Re: Incredible chizuk from Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach

Posted by ?????? - 09 Dec 2013 11:49

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Thanks for that.

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Re: Incredible chizuk from Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach  
Posted by cordnoy - 10 Dec 2013 05:20

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hey Fortunate Man!

thanks for that!

Although the vort can backfire on guys like me that have multiple issues, I can really feel good that one or two of them are being squashed out (by God, or me or from you guys)....although there still might be one or two lurkin' and ready to pounce.

V'af al pi kein...the RBS"O is lookin' (perhaps He is "looking") down and smilin' (smiling).

Nice

thanks

and here's for goin' all the way, and knockin' everything (includin' dem Cowboys tonight)!

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Re: Incredible chizuk from Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach  
Posted by SIB101854 - 10 Dec 2013 07:09

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Awesome -K'Darcko BaKodesh!

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