

Fighting hard on my way to 90

Posted by mayimtehorim - 12 Jan 2012 13:03

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I joined the forum recently and looks like this is the place to park myself as I am fighting on my way to 90 days. I am going on day 17. Yesterday was a difficult day. I couldn't get the garbage out of my head the entire day, to the point that I was going to fall just to clear my head and be able to learn, daven, talk and think normally. But with Hashem's help I did not fall. Today feeling much stronger, since I was home with my wife. I don't know what I would do if this would be during Niddah time. The time is coming soon and I am dreading it.

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Re: Fighting hard on my way to 90

Posted by gibbor120 - 12 Jan 2012 17:34

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Let go. Fighting it, being nervous/worried about it, being preoccupied with it all lead to 'needing' it. Let go of your 'need' for it. I used to count days until mikvah night, wonder if I can make it through 2 weeks... I can't explain it that well, but mentally letting go and feeling, "I don't have to have it" has helped me to calm down and not 'need' it as much.

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Re: Fighting hard on my way to 90

Posted by mayimtehorim - 12 Jan 2012 17:47

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Yesterday, I literally tried learning for my usual couple of hours and was so tense inside that I could barely even read, nevermind even understand what I'm learning. It gets me so tense to the point of physical tension in my entire body.

I wish I could just forget about it. Not so easy.

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Posted by gibbor120 - 12 Jan 2012 18:16

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That's why I said that I'm not explaining it well. Maybe someone else can explain it better. I'm not sure 'how', I just know that after being here for a while, I found it *easier* to just let go and found that I wasn't *fighting* it as much.

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Re: Fighting hard on my way to 90  
Posted by gibbor120 - 12 Jan 2012 20:52

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I've been thinking about it. Maybe I can offer one idea. One of the things that hadn't occurred to me was how selfish it is to act out. That sounds pretty obvious, you say. Well, I don't think that I realized it deep down. I don't just mean selfish, because I ignore my responsibilities to others. It's inherently selfish. Being so preoccupied with ***what I need*** is part of the problem. I can be very self-absorbed. In dov's signature it says something like "the heck with me, what can I do for you". I started thinking about that.

Get out of your own head and own needs. Do something for someone else. Being focused on someone else's needs helps a lot. As Dov says, we can't think ourselves in right living, we can only live ourselves into right thinking. If you do for others, you will become more humble. You will let go of "**what I need**".

Can I ask, are you learning by yourself? Interacting with others, building friendships, helps a lot. The less time spent in your own head with your own thoughts, the better.

I hope this helps.

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Posted by 613mevakesh - 13 Jan 2012 01:24

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Posted by gibbor120 - 13 Jan 2012 15:24

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By doing for others and focusing on their needs, we are taking a proactive step - playing offense so to speak. It beats waiting for the Y"H to knock, and *then* trying to play defense. That is *much* harder.

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Re: Fighting hard on my way to 90  
Posted by 613mevakesh - 16 Jan 2012 03:08

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How are you holding up on your way to 90? Let me know! Chazak, Chazak!

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Re: Fighting hard on my way to 90  
Posted by aamallen - 16 Jan 2012 14:08

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mayimT - your last post really helped me today

I have been going strong - am up to 58 days clean now and reading your post reminds me of some of the challenges I face and hope to get past ( someday)

The idea that your going to give up P for good is right now unpleasant because you feel that its one of the things that you really enjoy - or look forward to - even if you know deep down its not good for you

Two points

1. You don't need to focus on forever right now - just on today - it will be alot easier to suceed that way - just tell the YH to come back tomorrow and leave you alone just for today.
2. ultimately to really get better I think we need to understand that the urge for the false pleasure that P brings is just that a false pleasure - and that there is so much more good out there to enjoy if we would just let it go -

Imagine the feeling of giving to your wife not becuase you were hoping that she would reciprocate to you but just becuase you wanted to give to her

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no momement of p no matter how sewet is better than that

its hard to imagine

but you can get there

keep up the good work

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Dear Mayimtehorim,

I didn't have internet the last couple of days. I'm trying to set up a new connection through jnet or yeshivahnet.

I read your post today and it couldn't have been at a better time. I had really challenging day and a couple of slips in fantasies/thinking when my wife will be tahor and it made me go insane! I've been trying to "let go" and I know this is the ONLY way to go. these slips made me depressed that there is so much more time and I CAN'T DO THIS!

I got very encouraged from your response today! B"H I'm still going strong! It's two weeks now!

Maybe we can be in touch, although I prefer by phone I don't know if you'll be comfortable with that.

You can send me a message privately, I may not get it though for a day or two.

Good Luck

Hashemavakesh

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Re: Fighting hard on my way to 90  
Posted by chaimyakov - 19 Jan 2012 17:33

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Great Mashal!!

I like it bec. I'm starting to find that if I face the YH with a little simcha and sense of humor, it's a lot easier.

I like to drive the telemarketers a little crazy!! ;D ;D

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Re: Fighting hard on my way to 90

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 20 Jan 2012 03:59

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Just say "Let me know when YOU are eating supper and I'll call you back!" ;D

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Re: Fighting hard on my way to 90

Posted by A\_new\_begining - 20 Jan 2012 13:36

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Hi All,

I think that the 90 days is great, its quite weird though because up until the point that i decided that I am ready to take this on and start to run my life rather than letting P and M run my life... I never managed to go for longer than a week...1 week! that's it! in my years of trying I never went longer than that. I am a perfectionist and when I want to do something I become very upset when things dont work out the way I wanted, and P and M was definitely NOT what I wanted.

BH, i spoke to a close friend and Rav and he was very surprised that I came to him but was so authentic and genuine and wanted to help me and pointed me in the direction of GYE. I started up a couple weeks ago and started with the 90 day chart and BH I am actually getting there (i'm on day 67 or 68) I have been staying away from watching any movies or anything that might incite the lust in me and that's been hugely helpful. BUT the last few days, iv been looking at some site where people can upload and post pictures of anything from cars, to shops, to places, to their dream home to inspirational quotes, and I stumbled on some quotes that just got my the more I lingered there, the more i found myself thinking about some of the things I used to think about and it was crazy how in over 60 days my head had been clear of these and all of a sudden they came wondering back in.

BH i realised what was going on and quickly left but found myself looking at the same site again that evening. wow the YH has crazy ways of luring us in but we have to just remain strong and we have to learn to recognise what makes us go after the shmutz and learn to pull back and take control before we are dragged in..... it happens in an instant. anyway I thought I could just share my experience to further strengthen in my own mind what I really want for my life and family and hope that this serves as chizuk for everyone else out there who shares in this painful reality.

wishing everyone a good shabbos

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