

My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 11 Oct 2012 00:34

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 23 Oct 2012 23:53

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 24 Oct 2012 00:02

never mind i just found more guidance from the ever inspiring Dov HaTaaddik

[dov wrote on 23 Oct 2012 22:18:](#)

Addicts in recovery have no need to see good and bad about their drug of choice. It is just plain stupid. Who eats poison? Who touches fire? Idiots do.

And this is for a very simple reason. See, for *years* we have been saying to ourselves - not with words or conscious beliefs, but with our hearts and actions: "this naked woman is the true gold! This sex fantasy is the true s'choirah!" We repeat acting out over and over so much because we are machshiv it so much - it is so valuable and precious to us. That's why we *treat* it that way: we keep it secret (tzniyus), we do it over and over (tmidus), we spend money and take risks for it (mesiras nefesh), and we do not give it up. This is not our 'philosophy'. It is just a fact *in* us. It is yekarah mipnanim to our bodies and hearts. And the sooner we get over the shame and the shock and admit that to ourselves to other safe people and to Hashem, the better. If one is truly an addict, he or she must quit blaming it on "the Yetzer Hora" (which is really just a way to blame it on Hashem) and start accepting the truth about their broken hearts.

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by Machshovo Tova - 24 Oct 2012 13:54

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The following is from the GYE handbook:

The pain we feel when not looking is not really our pain at all. It is the pain of the Yetzer Hara in his "death throes". He is screaming that we are hitting him hard. So we can actually enjoy the pain! We are feeling the pain of our enemy as he gets weaker!

Chazak ve'ematz!

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 24 Oct 2012 15:19

Thanks. I'll keep in in mind

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 26 Oct 2012 04:09

Day 28 BARUCH HSAHEM!!

Thank you all for the chizuk!!

-Eli

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by dont give up - 26 Oct 2012 10:26

Wow!

you're really getting there!!!

keep it up!

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 29 Oct 2012 17:34

Day 31 ;D (don't let your guard down, gotta keep busy...)

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by mr. emunah - 30 Oct 2012 16:30

Hey RGT,

Congrats on 1 month! here's an idea my Rab told me, that each day say one perek of tehilim (prefebly with kavana) starting from aleph an moving onwards as a shmira.

Good luck

P.S. the best way opout of trouble is just to stay busy! ;D

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 31 Oct 2012 00:11

Thanks mr. emunah

Amen to keeping busy!

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 02 Nov 2012 17:03

Day 35.

I had an interesting conversation with myself today.

The yetzer hora identified a trigger which told me to fall. I found myself saying, "wait a second. The *ta'ava* is clear but do I have the strength to resist? I feel like I do, so lets save a fall for a situation that's really not in my control"

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Posted by Dov - 02 Nov 2012 17:49

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Posted by reallygettingthere - 04 Nov 2012 21:47

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It's hard to believe how long it's taken for this message to get into my thick skull, but it's making progress.

Speaking of Etz Chaim

(<http://www.guardyoureyes.org/forum/index.php?topic=5757.msg147195#msg147195>), the only thing I know from R' Chaim Vital is that the reason middos are not part of taryag is that middos are a **prerequisite** for being *m'kayaim* the Torah. Without self control we will be unable to fulfill what the Hashem want from us.

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by Machshovo Tova - 05 Nov 2012 15:36

As R' Dov keeps pointing out: Derech eretz kodmoh leTorah.

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere
Posted by Dov - 05 Nov 2012 17:33

Unfortunately, we are all so very strongly encouraged by the 'party line' to play ben-Torah as soon as we begin to play Derech Eretz well enough. The yeshivos and rabbonim do it - *and they should!* For that's OK for normals. Being a pretend-mentch is *definitely* good enough for regular Jews (the overwhelming majority). What - are we supposed to only allow tocho-kebaro people into the Beis Midrash like Rabban Gamliel? But when we addicts try to do that, it is a catastrophe. We recover by getting a gift of *some* real haracter, *some* real integrity, *some* real emunah, and *some* real loving. Otherwise, as long as we don't really have any of that we can be totally frum to all appearances (even our own) and our drug of choice runs the show. I know this, because in my addiction I am incredibly pathetic.

So for those who are digging their way out, I pray we do not see some relief from sex with ourselves and porn use...and then run to fantasy religiosity right away. For it **will not** be real yet. If I learned anything from recovery as a frum Jew, it is that the yiddishkeit I practiced as a flaming hypocritical lying and hiding addict cannot *possibly* be the exact same yiddishkeit I practice in recovery. It just can't.

If it **is** - if the *Teshuvah* feels the same, the *davening* feels the same, and the *ben odom lachaveiro* feels the same...then my sick motivations are *also* the same. It cannot work. And my very yiddishkeit will draw me inexorably back into porn, resentment, pride, masturbation, and all the old garbage, eventually. It collapses under it's own weight.

Was that too cynical for public consumption?

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