

Can 90 Days Undo 21 years of damage?
Posted by selfloathing - 16 Sep 2015 14:41

Let's try honesty...

OK here goes...

This is my second GYE account, my other one started 3 years ago. I logged in once, lasted 3 days, fell back into bad habits and never logged in again.... I can't even remember my account information...

A bit of history:

I started looking at pornography at 11 years old, but I didn't really masturbate until I was 16 years old.

I continued for the next 8 years, telling myself that once I got married it would stop...

I got married and that never happened, in fact I would find myself on the computer "taking care of myself" as soon as my wife fell asleep after we were intimate.

Of course this led to guilt and suffering, but I held it in and hid away from the world. I began to hate myself, and it began to affect every thing in my life. I lost confidence in my abilities at work, in my kehila, in my abilities as a father. I became an angry man with a short fuse. I always feel uncomfortable, I can't even be "in" a conversation anymore, I just keep looking for ways to end it, get back on the computer or hide away in the bathroom or...

The trouble is that I work online, my entire parnosa involves me having unfettered access to the web. Additionally, when I tried broaching the subject to my wife, to get to help me get over this handicap, she got so offended it took me weeks to get her to get over it by telling her it was "just a temporary thing" and "i'm over it".

Because of all these excuses, I put any hopes of a cure out of my mind. I told myself I'd do it

alone, make it a couple of weeks, and then cave...

But things changed a few months ago. I lost my job and started sitting online doing stupidities, and fell further into the pit again. Then things got really bad.

I no longer desired intimacy with my wife, or any physical contact at all. I started preferring the computer and watching these sites to spending time with my wife. Intimacy became a chore, I felt disconnected from my family, my community, my wife, myself, from G-D... Even on Rosh Hashana, when I closed my eyes to concentrate on the tefilos or pirush hamilos i would see images or tumah, I literally had to stare at the name "Havayah" by the Aron to chase the images away from my mind, and even that was a struggle...

I can't do it anymore, I need to change....

So I'm back, and this time it will work, because it has to...

This was extremely hard to write. I am a proud man, I never like to show weakness and admitting fault has never been a strong point. So I hope I don't feel stupid after I hit submit...

So I am 6 days clean now, and I already find it hard to focus on work on anything... I hope I can do this, I don't know what I would do if I fail....

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Re: Can 90 Days Undo 21 years of damage?
Posted by abd297 - 30 Sep 2015 00:47

I am sorry that I wasn't being clear. WE are the problem and are what need to be changed. I was trying to say that the problem isn't who WE really are deep down. If that's up for discussion now, please respond.

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Posted by Mynameis - 08 Nov 2015 07:00

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Posted by serenity - 08 Nov 2015 08:03

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Posted by markz - 08 Nov 2015 12:39

[Dov wrote:](#)

...many frum people see 12 steps and recovery as 'a crusade against sin' and teach that recovery means vigilance and constant focus on *kedushas habris*. Even though all that really means that, at the end of the day, all we are thinking about all day long is sex and our sexuality. But that's secretly what people are attracted to! Sex sells, period...

...many have told me that even though they gain so many great tools on GYE but they get much worse by hanging around here and focusing on tahara and perfectionism against schmutz. They end up fighting sex and desires all day and all night...and it just grows in their minds even more. **And to their surprise, when they leave GYE, they have far fewer falls.** (Thats for some people, not all.)

Making women and their images 'the enemy', just gives their images more and more of our own power! It *creates* the enemy. But in reality, women are just: people. Real, live people. Hashem loves women just as he loves men - he even cares for and gives life with great love to the goyim - even to the shiksas dressed immodestly in the street. The Kotzker (I think) said that if one wrestles all day with dirty people gets all covered with mud from head to toe - even if he wins! Instead, we in SA usually just surrender women we feel attracted to and their images. And if we find ourselves thinking about them and obsessing over them, we just pray for them. Not for them to 'do Teshuvah and dress normal', but for their health, for their husbands to be well and treat them right, for their children not to have tragedies or get sick, for them to discover the relationship Hashem wants to have with them - yes He even wants to have a relationship with the pritzusdikeh shiksa, for he knows that she knows no better and rachamov al kol ma'asov..

(March 10 2015)

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Re: Can 90 Days Undo 21 years of damage?
Posted by cordnoy - 08 Nov 2015 12:55

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I have that happen from my phone as well from time to time.

I welcome you as well and wish you hatzlachah. Maybe start your own thread in the "introduce yourself" section.

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Re: Can 90 Days Undo 21 years of damage?
Posted by Mynameis - 16 Nov 2015 03:41

Where is the introduce yourself section?

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Re: Can 90 Days Undo 21 years of damage?
Posted by markz - 16 Nov 2015 03:48

Tech Support at your assistance

Look up - no not the window. On top of this page you see "New Topic" Move your mouse and click on that.

Choose a category eg Introduce yourself

[Although I must mention it would be a sin not to read any of the having fun forum.

IF you have a sense of humor, or IF you think you do, or IF you think you should have been born with one - feel free to reply to the FREE having fun posts]

Take a drink, Choose a smiley. Fill in the rest. All the best

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Re: Can 90 Days Undo 21 years of damage?
Posted by selfloathing - 23 Oct 2020 16:39

So, after 5 years of ups and downs, (I kind of stopped using the forum... but that was a mistake) I am back here looking for support.

My last year has been a struggle, and I hope you will indulge me if I explain why, and it led me to fall (frequently)...

It started last Tishrei, when my partner (another frum yid) stole the company (that I had spent the last 5 years building) by executing an underhanded trick he had set up when we set up our partnership agreement. All the sleepless night, the tens of thousands of dollars I had invested, the reputation I had spend years building, were all gone in a flash.

Horrified, I became a shell of the man I was, I find hard to make the mot basic decision anymore, even something as simple as "what should I eat for lunch/dinner"

After a couple of months I managed to find a (low paying) job, but then Covid hit, and as the newest member of the company, I was the first one let go of...

Suffice it to say, my mental state went into a tailspin, and with it, my resolve that enabled me to stop the bad habits in my life. From Putting back on all the weight I had lost (and more), to the biggest monkey on my back online P*rn.

But then, last week, my teenage son came to me with his struggles. We spoke for a while, talking about the effects that this taivoh has on the neshomoh, the mind, the people around us, and what it spells out for him in the long term if he doesn't find a way from falling in too deep too soon...

After our talk, which of course incorporated much of what I learned through this forum, as well as thenewdrug and "heart mind world", and a heaping helping of stories about "friends" and what they went through/experienced, I realized that I need to get healthy in order to help him get healthy...

So here I am, back on the horse, and doing my utmost to stave off this monster. I have a new motivator to add to my arsenal, I pray to Hashem that this time I can make it stick...

I can't change my name on this forum, but I can change my attitude.

I won't loathe myself. I hate what I have done and I hate where it put me, but that isn't me.

I will find a way to climb out of the cesspool I have fallen in, I will educate myself and come out stronger spiritually, healthily, mentally, and financially. I am fully in Hashem's hands, and I won't let anything pull me down again!

I am on my way (one day at a time) back to one week, to 30 days, to 90 days, and to a life that I can be proud of.

I appreciated all of your comfort and guidance last time, and I know that with the right resources I can make it stick this time.

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Re: Can 90 Days Undo 21 years of damage?
Posted by neshamaincharge - 27 Oct 2020 04:35

Welcome back!

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Re: Can 90 Days Undo 21 years of damage?
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 29 Oct 2020 00:58

Amazing that ur son feels comfortable speaking to u and getting eitzza...

Welcome Home!

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Re: Can 90 Days Undo 21 years of damage?
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 29 Oct 2020 04:43

Wow! What a post, what a post. Maybe you are coming to be helped, but i think you will iyh end up helping many guys.

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