

Road to 90 days (how I succeeded, and you can too)
Posted by Yosef Tikun HaYesod - 17 Nov 2016 07:53

I don't understand how being here is going to help.

Perhaps posting my progress and struggles will help other people.

Perhaps I'll receive encouragement and good advice and support.

I sincerely DOUBT that I can just succeed for 90 days (13 weeks),
just because I decide I want to, SINCE I've failed so many times
in the past. But maybe this time is different, because I will post here,
and have 2 experienced guys I've been emailing regularly.

B'ezras HaShem, I will finally succeed and break free from this bad habit.

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Re: going for 90 days (Feb. 20)
Posted by GrowStrong - 19 Jan 2017 13:21

[GrowStrong wrote on 19 Jan 2017 13:05:](#)

[Markz wrote on 19 Jan 2017 13:00:](#)

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Yours always,

GrowStrong.

Just to add to this that this was slightly tongue in cheek and i hope to look back at this post in a year with a lot of karma - but its interesting to note that maybe my problem with karma is related to my problem with sex.

Instead of waiting for it and anticipating and then being let down - i need to give it up and it will come.

Adding to this even though its not my thread, that my actual progress in this issue is really going well.

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If incenticivizin' would be allowed (which it is) and your karma would be plussed, what would it then do for you?

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Re: going for 90 days (Feb. 20)

Posted by cordnoy - 19 Jan 2017 13:39

Il wrote the previous post before I saw your latest post.

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Posted by Yosef Tikun HaYesod - 19 Jan 2017 13:41

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Ilmho, this post is uncalled for and missed the boat. (And I don't fully understand some of it, but that's probably due to my lack of education.)

(Agav, even if one, in recovery, falls everyl 40 or 110 days, he still may bel an addict, as I can attest to.)

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Singularity mentioned previously that he's insane. He just confirmed it

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Posted by Yosef Tikun HaYesod - 19 Jan 2017 14:04

Mark, could you address my comments to your earlier post?

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Posted by Workingguy - 19 Jan 2017 14:06

[Yosef Tikun HaYesod wrote on 19 Jan 2017 12:49:](#)

Grow, that's a nice idea. It will take some time.

Sing, you're nuts.

Live 12-step meetings are said (on this very website) to be detrimental for a non-addict.

Rav Twerski's book may put a smile on your face, but the idea to fast in order to repair the damage caused by this aveira as part of one's doing real teshuva, is talked about by the Baal HaTanya and the Arizal.

It isn't something little ole' me is making up.

Yosef,

Rabbeinu Yonah says that we shouldn't fast but rather do Taanis HaRaavad which is to leave a little over at the end of the meal. Almost all the Sefarim I've seen including I believe the Steipler say today we should not be fasting but rather learning, or eating a little less than we'd like.

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Firstly, my comments weren't addressed to you. I do not recall (and I read and follow every post on every thread) you pushing someone to go to meetings.

Secondly, I will allow the good doctor to fend for himself.

Thirdly, I wasn't differentiating between steps and meetings.

Fourthly, in response to your question, imho, if one seriously works the steps with another person, he can gain, even without attending a meeting.

Fifthly, my main point was a non addict should not be pushed to work the steps or meetings. Perhaps encouraged if he shows some willingness.

Finally, I apologize for the g's.

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I started today's post off with 3 things I may (bli neder) try this Shovavim:

saying the special, long krias Shema al hamita of the Arizal,

learning more Torah (an extra 1/2 hour or even an extra hour a day),

fasting once.

I'm not talking about fasting all the time, or making a personal fast from my own head.

I mentioned that it is discussed and advised by the Baal HaTanya and the Arizal

to help one do real teshuva in this area.

The fast of the Rived is certainly good too. But that misses the point I'm making.

I'm talking about now during Shovavim.

Mark, Una, Cord, Gevura, Guard, Watson, any experts:

I'm still waiting for a real answer and response to my reasonable, honest questions.

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