

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 - 23 Jan 2017 12:46

I LOVE numbers 1 2 and 5

number 3 for me is reading the forum constantly

and number 4 i will check it out.

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Posted by Yosef Tikun HaYesod - 23 Jan 2017 13:24

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Posted by Trouble - 23 Jan 2017 13:39

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You will never win this lust fight.

You will always be watching streaming clips.

Your finger will always be clicking on those underwear links.

Your wife will never satisfy you, as you will have the films in mind where the woman simply
wants to please the man over and over again.

Lust addict for life!

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Posted by Yosef Tikun HaYesod - 23 Jan 2017 14:01

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Posted by LifneiHashem - 23 Jan 2017 14:24

What I said was that I'm sure many in history have been helped by the Arizal shma & fasting etc., but from all the post I've read on this forum, both recent & going back to 2009, I never saw anyone on gye post that their success was due to fasting & saying long Shma.

I wish you much hatzlacha and hope that you will be the first.

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Posted by Singularity - 23 Jan 2017 15:15

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Yosef, I have found success in a similar way. I don't fast or say the Arizals shema but I do go the mikvah every morning. I learned that going to mikvah lessons ones taavas nashim and therefore decided to start going. There is something to following what our gedolim say helps "behind the scenes". I find it is also a good time for me to daven that I shouldn't have any nisyonos or fall that day.

That being said, I don't think you can solely rely on these kind of solutions to be a magic cure. You must do them in conjunction with others that work for you and together I think you will be able to succeed.

Good luck!

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Did you speak to any Daas Torah or Rov who thinks that this is what you personally are supposed to do? To me it sounds like a BAD idea- placing the emphasis in the wrong place.

You ask for advice of what to do, people are telling you what didn't work for almost anyone on the forum- and yet you go ahead with it.

Are you taking people here seriously?

How about stopping to look at women- I wrote that and many others have to; what do you think about that?

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Posted by gibbor120 - 23 Jan 2017 17:44

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If 10 people post 5 ideas, you are back to the same problem - 50 ideas!

Stop putting it on others to tell you what to do. You have enough ideas. YOU make a list.

Either way, just do something and tell us how it's going (if you wish).

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Posted by Workingguy - 23 Jan 2017 17:56

The way I figured out what works for me was reading other people's threads and asking them questions in their experiences.

Yosef,

Markz has links in his signature or somewhere else to people's threads who've succeeded.

Why don't you ask him to post it, and instead of putting the burden on everyone else to tell YOU what to do, why don't you read successful people's threads and ask them questions?

I've read many; I think when I came on GYE I read Cordnoy's entire Mikvah night and Tryin threads. You'd have the time if instead of writing long posts, you READ long posts.

Gibor, AlexEliezer, Neshamaincharge, Cordnoy, Markz, unanumun- there are so many people's stories to read to learn from. Can you do that?

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Yosef,

You never cease to surprise me; this has been one of the most entertaining threads in my whole GYE history.

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That is not Azivas Hachet for you or me

Brother - do you recall I asked you last week to get yourself a Rav just for life in general.

And you asked my opinion.

A personal Rav will give personalized advice.

You aren't allowing yourself that

So today you go to this Rosh Kollel, next week it will be a Chacham, the following week a Rebbe, then a Mekubal...

I have a Rav and a Shrink. Just in case you wanted to know what works for me

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