

I will make it b'e"h

Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 19 Dec 2016 23:17

Just started my 90 days journey (hopefully indefinitely) a little nervous as for years i have had very long stretches with feeling nothing and then WHAM massive fall which would then spiral out of control until someone found out. But now i have gye and everyone here who are so

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Re: I will make it b"h

Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 05 Feb 2017 11:56

Thanks to one and all for the thought provoking posts here and of course the chizuk, encouraging and thoughtful that i know i can do this for good !

While we cannot ignore those before us my personal opinion is like cordnoy said our attitude is what will make the difference for NOW since that is all we can deal with

?I am not saying that all the above is not significant just on a practical level it is not for us right now.

Again thanks for the support and the thought provoking conversation.

B'hatzlacha

P.S. cordnoy I'm waiting for the rest of what you want to say (or did I miss it)

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Posted by Workingguy - 05 Feb 2017 12:54

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Posted by Hashem Help Me - 05 Feb 2017 13:41

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Cordnoy, You obviously have a much healthier self esteem than most.....

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Re: I will make it b"h

Posted by cordnoy - 05 Feb 2017 14:11

It's not my self esteem that is relevant here.

The attitude mentioned seems to be more of a cop out than a life time strategy.

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Re: I will make it b"h

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 05 Feb 2017 14:29

It's not a strategy, it's just a way of coping with the inevitable(?) stumbles along the way.

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Because most people aren't realistic and think that they can do more than they can. Because for most people, failure is so negative and they don't have Enough compassion for themselves and humanity. Hence, their perfectionism. It takes YEARS of work to get to a level where we can accept that where human and fail and not let that bring us down.

And so they look at the things that maybe weren't realistic for them to succeed as a failure, and then it brings them down.

A guy who's a sex addict and then finds him alone in a house for two weeks with no filter and it's bain hazmanim amd he has not much to do and his parents aren't frum and don't want to filter- did he have a human failure or was this one a little outside of what he's capable of?

He can't assume either way beforehand, but afterward, maybe this one was just too much for him.

Really, in a certain way Dr. Sorotzkin IS saying something similar to what you said.

Not sure what got lost in translation.

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OK; now I understand we are it got lost. I thought I wrote a number of times that of course it can't be part of our thinking process before hand, but if that wasn't clear then I want to make it clear that there isn't a single source that says that you could think beforehand that you may not be able to succeed in this challenge

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Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 06 Feb 2017 21:36

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It was a test of patients and a test of patience.

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