

Think Good

Posted by think good - 08 Mar 2009 14:38

Hi Everyone,.

This is a little difficult taking the first step and making a post.

Let me start with a short introduction.

Firstly, this is my 10th clean day. Actually not a big deal for me, as I have reached 10 days literally hundreds of times. Going from 11-20 is much much harder. I know if I can do 10 why not more? but

I have "lived" with this problem for over forty years! Many years before anyone had heard of the internet. I even stayed clean for over 7 months, but that was a long time ago when I was learning full time in Yeshivah.

Internet porn is very rarely my problem, I took out the internet at home, and my only connection is at work. It is very difficult to view porn at work when my large screen can be seen by anyone, (BH). However, if I happen to be in the office very late at night (which is rare), by yatza hara may well gain control.

My main problem is an tremendous attraction to women. As the Germona says "even a women's little finger can arouse...". From married women, young girls with long hair etc etc almost

Amazingly, I never did anything with a women, just bad thoughts and zera vbatola.

Of course I have had many ups and downs there are times when I see women with no effect,

and at other times be so hot I am an embarrassment to the Torah.

OK, I think that's enough for an introduction.

I will try in future posts (bn) to go into more details of my very long fight. I have some interesting tips and advice which may help others..

I will leave with a small tip. My forum name "Think Good" is very fundamental in winning the war. The Germor is Soter says a women does not commit adultery until "a spirit or folly enters her". The same is true of most avaras. If one is able to fill ones mind with good thoughts and prevent the "folly" from entering, one will never sin.

Doing this in actuality is very hard.

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Re: Think Good

Posted by think good - 23 Dec 2009 18:02

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Re: Think Good

Posted by imtrying25 - 23 Dec 2009 18:03

[Think Good wrote on 23 Dec 2009 18:02:](#)

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RE:think good

Posted by loi-misyaeish - 23 Dec 2009 19:08

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Good thought, dude.

Re: Think Good

Posted by think good - 24 Dec 2009 07:23

Getting rid of the sheretz is a life long task. The reason we are in this world is to make it a fitting place for HaShem. It is our job to purify ourselves and our environment, but this must be done with ?????? ?????? ???. The time and place for reflection and teshuva for everything we do wrong is krias shema al amita. This includes time wasted when we had the opportunity to learn Toarah.

Here is a few lines from the first chapter of Tanya

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This requires to be understood, for we have learned in the Mishnah [Avot, ch. 2],² “Be not wicked in your own estimation.”

How, then, can we say that an oath is administered to the soul that it regard itself as wicked, when this directly contradicts the Mishnaic injunction not to regard oneself as wicked?³

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Furthermore, if a person considers himself wicked, he will be grieved at heart and depressed,

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and consequently will not be able to serve G?d joyfully and with a contented heart;

Apart from the previously mentioned contradiction from the Mishnah, an additional question is now raised. A cardinal principle in the service of G?d is that it be performed with joy — joy at the privilege of serving Him either through performing a positive command or by refraining from that which is prohibited. How then can one be required to take an oath to consider himself wicked, when this will cause him to be depressed, making it impossible for him to serve G?d with joy?

Furthermore, just as the first part of the oath, “Be righteous and be not wicked,” is vital to his success in realizing his life’s mission, so too the fulfillment of the second part of the oath, that he consider himself wicked, is imperative. How can this possibly be so, when such an attitude hinders his joyful service of G?d?

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Re: RE:think good

Posted by habaletaher - 24 Dec 2009 08:23

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Here there is no tovel visheretz biyado because every hour a person gets that is free from taaivah is a goal in and of itself! Every minute that a person fights,even if they succumb afterward, is a huge nachas ruach for the Ribbono Shel Olam!

We're not eating terumah here, we are trying to find a few minutes of holiness in a world filled with tumah. Chatof V'echol, grab what you can get cuz it we don't know where G-d will put us in the next minute!!!

Hatzalacha!

Haba

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Re: think good

Posted by loi-misyaeish - 24 Dec 2009 11:49

Thanks for ur words, think good and haba. I suppose it's one of the mistakes i've been making. But there's always something new to learn. But anyway, last night was the first night, probably in years, i said the whole k"s al hamita and didn't just get away with mumbling k"s and hamapil. Thanx

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Re: Think Good

Posted by think good - 24 Dec 2009 12:20

Great - That's the way to go

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Re: Think Good

Posted by Momo - 27 Dec 2009 08:28

YOU ARE SOMEBODY SPECIAL!!!

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Re: Think Good

Posted by Ano Nymous - 27 Dec 2009 09:15

Please READ and VOTE on this new poll I just created over here: rehab-my-site.com/guardureyes/forum/index.php?topic=1427.0

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Re: Think Good

Posted by think good - 27 Dec 2009 14:13

I guess I would be happy to help a fellow struggling Jew. I sure there are many who have our problems and have no one to turn to. Unfortunately, many Rabbonim either do not understand the magnitude of the problem, turn a blind eye, or just have no idea what to do.

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Re: Think Good

Posted by think good - 30 Dec 2009 08:02

Today's Tanya is just what I needed as some not so good thoughts have been invading by head. I know its how the yh gets me to fall, he knows I holding holding on, so is trying to attack me on a different front.

One trick the yh uses is to get me thinking about the one lady who is permissible to me - my wife. If my wife is unavailable for whatever reason I often get so aroused I end up falling. I have noticed this occurs particularly after a long clean run.

Just writing this post helps give me added strength.

Tanya - Chapter 11

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*or the evil may prevail in thought alone, in contemplations of sin which are in certain respects worse than actual sin.*²

Thought is more refined than speech and action, and of the soul's three garments, it is the one most intimately connected with the soul itself. Therefore, contemplations of sin can befoul the the soul even more than the sinful deed itself.

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[This is the case] even where one does not actually contemplate committing a sin, but merely indulges in contemplation on the carnal union of male and female in general,

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whereby he violates the admonition of the Torah,³ “You shall guard yourself from every wicked thing,” which our Sages interpret as an injunction that⁴ “one must not harbor impure fancies by day so that he will not become polluted at night”; thus, contemplation on such matters violates a command of the Torah.

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or another area in which the evil may prevail in the case of such a partial rasha: when, at a time fitting for Torah study, he turns his heart to inane matters,

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Re: Think Good

Posted by Kollel Guy - 30 Dec 2009 08:59

I love the Tanya stuff, keep'm coming!

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Re: Think Good

Posted by silentbattle - 08 Jan 2010 07:24

Just wanted to say that it's great that you've been doing so well! Your successes, current and past, are an inspiration!

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Re: Think Good

Posted by think good - 11 Jan 2010 08:51

Thanks for the encouragement. Today I passed 70 today's.

I would love to post more, but am very busy between learning, job and family so I do have a lot of time to read everyone's posts.

Being so busy does help keep the yh away, BUT I know even after 70 days he is still there and can creep up from behind and catch me.

This is the time when he will make every effort to break this run.

I therefore want to say publicly on this forum that as from today, I accept upon myself to learn an additional 1/2 hour of Chassidus every day in addition to my current learning.

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