

How I Know I have changed!

Posted by chancy - 21 Jun 2022 19:57

Hi Everyone,

Im not really in the mood of writing today as im in a post fall slump. But, im forcing myself to write anyway.

I always had this question "How do i know im winning?" If i fall once a month? once in 2,3, months? Once a year? I need to feel like im winning so i can keep fighting.....

After falling yesterday, i figured out the answer!

You won when you you can get right back up! when the next day, you are right back where you left off before you started slipping, and you dont have to start doing everything from scratch.

You won when your mindset changed from 'this is not possible' to 'im never giving up anyway, i dont care how long this will take, its all the way till the grave for me'

You won when you can tell yourself clearly ' i know exactly what i want and this is not what i want' you know your mission!

You won when you can look yourself in the mirror and tell yourself 'I AM DOING EVERYTHING I CAN THINK OF!' and be truthful!!!

I Know what mistakes i made that led to this fall (coming to the office alone because of a delivery, I should've stayed outside untill the delivery arrived, but didnt realize) But the main reason i fell is because i told myself a few times that day 'this is it, you cant win this time' THIS IS THE WORST THOUGHT! because there is no such a thing! There is always the option of running as far as you can from temptations!

Anyway, onward and upward. Ive learned a few lessons and this will add to my arsenal IYH.

THE main reason im writing this long rambling message is because I want to take a huge leap and make a promise to stay clean for 1,000 days! The reason im jumping is that i have 2 very important milestones in my life on that date and keeping those in mind will help tremendously! So im looking for someone to send me periodic reminders or some such things to keep on trucking and to remember what im fighting for!

Thank you for listening!

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Re: How I Know I have changed!

Posted by chancy - 20 Oct 2022 17:36

I want to share something i felt on Yom Kippur.

I was trying very hard to really regret all the bad i did, but in the beginning of the day it wasnt working for me, my YH kept on coming up with reasons why it wasnt my fault and that i would still do the same if i had the chance, etc. but the more times i said the 'Al Chiet' the more intense it got! I think it was by Mincha or Mussef, where i got such a feeling of regret that i wanted to tear my hair out. and i was screaming internally "what did i do?" Why did i think it was a good idea?" I remembered every time i did something bad in this area and i tore it out of me! this is the first time in a long time i felt that deep regret and it felt very cleansing. I was very clear eyed that i do not want to go back to those times no matter how hard the struggle is.

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Re: How I Know I have changed!
Posted by chancy - 07 Feb 2023 17:38

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So onward and upward! Im still going for a 1,000. I have 2 major life events scheudled for when Im supposed to reach the 1,000 and that keeps me motivated!

If anyone wants to chat or is looking for help, i would gladly try to help.

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Re: How I Know I have changed!
Posted by willdoit - 07 Feb 2023 19:03

[chancy wrote on 07 Feb 2023 17:38:](#)

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Thanks for the update!

Its so nice to see you growing

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Re: How I Know I have changed!

Posted by chancy - 29 Feb 2024 21:06

Wow, its been a year since ive last posted here. I wanna to update everyone who will read this and also myslef when i look back to this.

First of all, I can say clearly REAL CHANGE is possible! For years i would get aroused and excited like crazy when i sat next to a unfilterd computer. I wouldnt be able to do anything and i didnt have an ounce of control. I would always fall. After abstaining and working thru a lot of the tools and others things, I can go weeks without thinking about this stuff, and even if i do sit next to an unfiltered device, i will be able to go weekds without realizing it. So thats one thing that has changed.

ANother thing that has changed is that im trying to control my lust even in kosher ways. I know that Lust is not good and is dangerous for me, so even if the wife is in the mood, i will try not to think about it untill right before, and i will try to minimize how many often, all to decresae the

lust.

That being said, i still have some days/weeks that the desires are crazy, sometimes its from stress, sometimes, its something ive seen that i cant get out of my head, sometimes i just feel that pleasure in my body and cant get rid of it. But I know that all of that passes. And I am refusing to ever masturbate again ever ever ever! So is a huge wall ive built. Now the bad news.

This week i have been a little more then a little desireful, I had lustful dreams which of course made it worse. My wife is not in the modd for a while now, and im working on some nervous system work which makes me feel my body very strongly, plus i have been playing with some unfiltered devices because i felt comfortable around them already. so i was working on them, nothing bad just using them. I felt yesterday that im getting to a dangerous place, so i took the tablet out of my office. Today in the morning i find it back here plugged in. That was too much, after having a very stressful day at work, i couldnt stop thinking about it. So i looked at some bad things, but here is the weird part. The longer it goes without me watching Porn, the less affect it has on me when i do. I was more turned off then on, i coundt look at most stuff, i was disgusted. after a few minutes, I just turned it off and took it out again from my office. Hopefully it wont find it way back here or ill have to throw it.

I went to a quite place and cried to Hashem to help me! I dont want to do this, I want to be pure! I dont to be distanced from my loving father! I want to make Him happy! I want to be a good servant to Him.

My point is that the longer you abstain the more your mind gets to heal and repair itself. Your will build your walls and the thoughts will get easier to manage. Still, there will be desires and struggles. Yes, I had a setback. No, im not giving up!

Love you all!

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Re: How I Know I have changed!

Posted by chaimoigen - 01 Mar 2024 01:17

This is a very special post from a very special guy.

Chancy, you're a real person.

You have real challenges and you're still fighting them.

But you've come far and you're going further.

I love the way you describe how you are experiencing the changes that you've gone through, how exposure feels different now, because change is real.

Hang on and keep trucking, my friend.

Chaim

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Re: How I Know I have changed!

Posted by youknowwho - 01 Mar 2024 15:26

What a beautiful update! Chancy, you are an inspiration! Chaimoigen said it well, I agree with every word!

I think I can relate to some of the disgust you wrote about. It's so encouraging. It means that despite having sullied our minds in the past with the lowest levels of vulgarities, exposing our eyes to the great debasement of sexuality and of women, nevertheless we can gain back our innocence to a certain extent. The natural tendency to look at attractive women remains, but pornographic imagery...uggg. It's just so...*perv*erted. It was only wonderful as long as I lived in the Great Lie, that this stuff was somehow breathtakingly beautiful and amazing.

It isn't. Porn is cheap, depraved and fake. And it has the power to shock our natural, normal male desire into a mind numbing high similar to a drug.

I'm very far from being out of the woods. Yes, I still find it hard not to stare at hot women, but if

I'm unfortunately slipping and sliding...I'd rather lust the classy stuff and leave the junk for the junkies.

Maybe that's why I'm finding not lusting the "regular stuff" much more difficult.

Update: I wrote this last night. For some reason I decided to sleep on this post before submitting it. Now I'm happy I did because this morning I'm not so sure about this anymore. Meh...maybe porn ain't so bad after all.

And who *cares* anyway, what difference does it make? **lust is lust is lust is lust.**

I don't know if this was a real nekudah or not, I don't have that clarity. Was it? Maybe I'm just feeling shaky today. Is being disgusted at porn part of the process of ascending the ladder of growth, or is all inappropriate imagery one big thing and if so I'm just as lost as I was before I stopped watching porn?

Anyhow...Chancy, thanks again for popping in, we appreciate it!!

Doomed, at The Riddle House in Little Hangleton,

-Moldy Voldy

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Re: How I Know I have changed!

Posted by chancy - 04 Mar 2024 21:26

Hi Voldy,

BTW, im rethinking that name, for allwe know Voldy didnt have a thing for women at all, the only women that we know of that he has some connection was Belatrix and we know how she looked..... He enjoyed other evil things.....

Anyway, to your post.

I do think that the mind stopping to be intoxicated by Porn is a step forward in a big way fior a few reasons.

1. Looking at women on the street is natural as you said, the brain is usually able to withstand that, the level of plasure stays within the controllable realm. Whereas Porn overwhelms the mind and doesnt give you time to think before you are already over. Its no match to our normal thinking brain.

2. The longer you teach your brain not to lose control when seeing something arousing, the more power you will give to yourself to be able to withstand any situation. I used to be completely gone once i so much as looked at Porn, there was no way! But now, i am BH able to think deeper and while my eyes are still looking, my brain is saying "get the F*** out of here" What the F*** are you doing? This is not you anymore! You are holy and this is disgussssssstingggggggg!!! (My brain has a swearing problem...) And i can see thru the fog and no lose my sh*t just because i saw something arousing,.

In one word, you can grow the capacity to fight the urge the longer you work on this.

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Re: How I Know I have changed!

Posted by youknowwho - 05 Mar 2024 17:49

[chancy wrote on 04 Mar 2024 21:26:](#)

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Have you actually insulted my lovely Bella?

Although I may not have been intimate with her, I'll have you know that I find her quite attractive, blackened teeth and all. Thank you very much.

I appreciated you response, it meant alot, thank you!

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Re: How I Know I have changed!
Posted by chancy - 06 Mar 2024 20:31

Moldy,

Have you not read the Cursed Child?

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Re: How I Know I have changed!
Posted by youknowwho - 06 Mar 2024 20:50

Nope...am I fired?

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Re: How I Know I have changed!
Posted by chancy - 06 Mar 2024 21:04

Fired? Expelled! Banned!

Unless you buy it within 24 hours and report back to me after the weekend what you think.....

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Re: How I Know I have changed!
Posted by yitzchokm - 06 Mar 2024 21:21

I have not read secular literature in 25 years, so I am unfamiliar with the terms and names from these books that appear on GYE. From the literature I read as a child and teenager I am left

wondering whether there is a single secular novel that is appropriate for someone on GYE to read. My guess is that there isn't. Most of the ones I read have inappropriate s**** content, and/or inappropriate character traits, either of the characters in the book or of the author. There are some sci-fi books I read that I don't recall anything bad in them but if I were to read them again chances are that I will find something wrong with them.

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Re: How I Know I have changed!
Posted by chancy - 06 Mar 2024 22:01

Good for you Yitzchokm.

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