Daily post accountability Posted by hundredbrachos - 29 Jul 2024 19:58

Hi,

I am creating this post to document my daily struggle.

I find it very hard to stay clean in certain situations such as being stressed, off from work on Friday or Sunday, bored and not active. Days 7 and Day 14 is when I start to have anxiety which I call withdrawal symptoms- longest I have been clean for was about 114 days. I have locked all my devices, joined GYE this past week and will find a mentor.

I started thanking Hashem for being so generous and giving me the quality trait of never giving up- even though I fell hundreds of times. Started to read success and horror stories to get me motivated.

Day 1:

So far today is going well, had no urges yet- only half way to the day being over. Will update you guys soon.

Any tips you guys recommend to get to 90 days?

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Re: Daily post accountability Posted by hundredbrachos - 19 Aug 2024 19:23

Day 20:

Sunday

Baruch Hashem in the morning I was on my wife's WhatsApp statuses. I was going through her status and then I ended up on Amazon shorts and I felt my mind and body trying to shift me to run into something inappriopate. I said no and I got out bed and got ready for shacris. As the day went I had no urges, I kept myself busy and did some house work that needed to be done. The I went to a birthday party and there were people that my eye kept on trying to look, I tried to avoid it but every time I turned around there was someone else. It's hard to control your cues when you are in an unfamiliar environment. Baruch Hashem I did not act out. I went home and continued with my house work and was home alone. I had another urge this saying" hey no one is home you can have some fun", again I said no. Sometime I feel like I am completely healed and that I can trust myself to watch something but deep down I know it's my yeter hara trying to use a different method to make me fall....

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Re: Daily post accountability Posted by stopsurvivingstartliving - 19 Aug 2024 21:43

Good for you. Keep fighting, don't let nothing stand in your way!

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Re: Daily post accountability Posted by hundredbrachos - 20 Aug 2024 15:14

Day 21:

Monday

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Has anyone else experienced this before?

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Re: Daily post accountability Posted by thompson - 20 Aug 2024 16:02

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Well said as always Mr. T.

To be precise, we have met the enemy and he is us.

Eliminating external urges is huge and very helpful, but at the end of the day there is some level of internal change that usually must happen.

Losing motivation and feeling like what's the point/need of being careful anymore is a very typical stage of leading yourself into a fall (Yetzer Hara 101 if you'd prefer).

A good way to combat that is by keeping motivation up through external input - such as

reviewing the materials I suggested in my post.

I pity the fool who puts on filters and locks himself inside away from all the schmutz, but then spends all his time trying to fool himself into letting himself out of his self-imposed prison. (And by the fool I mean myself.)

You may have meant something totally different though.

Re: Daily post accountability Posted by hundredbrachos - 20 Aug 2024 19:38

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Re: Daily post accountability Posted by hundredbrachos - 20 Aug 2024 19:38

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guardyoureyes.com/articles/stories/item/where-it-all-leads-2?category_id=13

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Quite the earthquake, this story is. All it takes is one second to mess up your life forever .

Shem's story <u>A Taste Of Death</u> shook me up too .

Give it a read

Re: Daily post accountability Posted by BenHashemBH - 21 Aug 2024 19:01

hundredbrachos wrote on 21 Aug 2024 18:27:

3. I was not brought down to this world for this problem- I have mission to accomplish and this is in my way.

I'm not sure exactly what you mean here. You were probably not brought down to this world to indulge in P&M, but stopping is (now) part of your mission, not an obstacle in front of it. It plays an integral roll in your life. Don't discard it. Own it.

To get a little Kabalistic, shed light into this darkness.

Re: Daily post accountability Posted by hundredbrachos - 21 Aug 2024 20:47

So you are saying its part of my mission on this world?

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