

It starts with one

Posted by oneday - 12 May 2010 15:39

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Hi. I'm 14 years old and I'm determined to stop all this nonsense. If anyone has any tips feel free to let me know!

Edit:

I don't really have a story but what I do I'll say. In eighth grade my Rabbi talked to us about the prohibition of shichvat zerah, I already knew about it and had no inclination of ever doing it. I happen to go to a modern orthodox school and one of my friends said after that "ya right, like I'm going to stop". This truly bothered me, how can he be messing up his life and he is going to be killed and go to h\*\*\* I thought. I don't exactly know how much later, but some time after this my yetzer hara got me. I felt horrible after I did it. I literally cried out to Hashem that night and promised I would never do it again. About two weeks later I did it again and again and again and here I am now. When I lose a battle which b'ezras Hashem will not happen again I say to myself two things "He won a battle, but the war I shall win" and "The die I die, is the die I give up" this encourage me that I can't give up and must continue to my eventual goal of being free from this disease. I've also started learning on my own at night, usually every day, a perek in chumash. This gives me something to think about torah wise and is always a good thing.

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Re: It starts with one

Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 01 Nov 2010 18:12

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Umm..Ya cant really take a break from the nonsense. its always going to be there if nothing is done about it. Trust me I know about this firsthand with this issue and other issues. Take care of it now! Not by saying youre not going to do it but take some action!

If you have any questions you can PM me.

-Yiddle

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Re: It starts with one

Posted by briut - 03 Nov 2010 21:22

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[Yiddle2 wrote on 01 Nov 2010 18:12:](#)

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Yiddle, please watch your language . (I'm just joking; isn't some levity fun?)

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Re: It starts with one

Posted by oneday - 04 Nov 2010 03:51

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These last two days I have been out of my house from like 8 a.m. until 1030 at night so I haven't really had much time to fall and I have been clean these past couple of days!

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Re: It starts with one

Posted by dovekbashem - 04 Nov 2010 05:11

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One day,

I am now following your journey as well. I am older than you - 22 - but I went through your struggle when I was your age. Unfortunately, I didn't take the amazing and inspiring actions that you are taking and I am trying to work through it now. We are both on Day 2. Let's climb together. Let me know when you are struggling, let me know when I can help. Feel free to PM me.

We hate this garbage and we never want to see it again, right? Let's grow together - to 90!

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Re: It starts with one

Posted by oneday - 08 Nov 2010 04:13

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Wow! I had a victory today. Sunday... a day that is normally the hardest for me and I can't even remember the last time I was clean on Sunday (not including vacations)!

I remembered an old trick that I learned here on this site and I used it to my full advantage.

It is a lot easier to push off the y"ח than saying straight out no. Every time I had an urge I told myself not today, I can later though! I will hopefully be able to use this method tomorrow and Hashem gives me the strength again to get through another day CLEAN!

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Re: It starts with one

Posted by dovekbashem - 08 Nov 2010 06:44

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YES!

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I'm also going through a rough patch. I have lots of stress and really need to focus on work. This is usually when the yetzer shows up and starts giving me excuses to give in "just this once". Not today, oneday. Not tomorrow. Never again!

Thank you for the chizuk. Just finished Day 6. We are climbing together.

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Re: It starts with one

Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 08 Nov 2010 15:26

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I dont know... pushing off works until it doesnt. Its kind of like that guy in shul who deosnt turn

his phone off and gets a call in the middle of Shemoneh Esrei. He oushes the 'end' button, but the phone is still on and the person just keeps calling back. Juts turn your phone off already! (sorry I get kind of intense when that actually happens in shul :-X ). But really Oneday, just turn your phone off already! Dont let the Y'H have a direct connection with you. Dont pick up the phone when he calls and say "Call me back later, I'm in the middle of doign something." He WILL call you back. Either turn your phone off or put it on silent.

-Yiddle

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Re: It starts with one  
Posted by oneday - 10 Nov 2010 01:39

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Yiddle, it's hard to say it, but you are right! He came back harder yesterday and today, and I lost. It's alright though, I just need to stay positive and I'll get where I want sooner or later.

I'm going to Israel next week, so I will be free of this schmutz for 10 days when I'm there!

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Posted by oneday - 10 Nov 2010 01:47

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Shkoyach! 6 days! We WILL win this battle together with the help of Hakodosh Baruch Hu!

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Re: It starts with one

Posted by oneday - 11 Nov 2010 04:31

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Today was a good day! I was able to react fast enough and not let the y'h slowly drag me to falling. Hashem really helped me today and I am very grateful!

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Re: It starts with one

Posted by dovekbashem - 11 Nov 2010 22:17

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Shkoach Oneday.

I love hearing about your success. Really, I am very happy for you and standing by you. As for me...I think I'm on day 10. We keep on trucking together/

Hatzlocha. Be in touch.

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Re: It starts with one

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Posted by oneday - 14 Nov 2010 04:39

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Yes we are trucking along!

I have been clean these last few days! As Dov once said day # doesn't matter that much! Lets focus on just being clean today!

In a couple days I will be leaving for Eretz Yisroel and hopefully I can keep this winning streak going with Hashem's help!

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Re: It starts with one

Posted by oneday - 15 Nov 2010 04:00

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I fell today, but it sure was a journey over these last 5 days! I haven't been clean this long in such a long time!

After I fell, I got back right up and thought, I did it once and now I can do it again!

Hatzlacha to all!

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Re: It starts with one

Posted by dovekbashem - 15 Nov 2010 04:28

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Perfect attitude, oneday!

We are all proud of your 5 days clean and we expect many many more!

Hatzlocha.

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