

Sliding backwards?

Posted by Eye.nonymous - 06 Aug 2009 05:07

I'm jealous of all the posts that say, "I've been a heavy lust addict for 20 years, but now I've found Guard Your Eyes, and I'm finally clean!"

I feel that I've been going backwards. Just by officially taking up this struggle, this whole topic is just on my mind a whole lot more. And, if I do slip--even looking at women on the streets--I feel like I REALLY should know better now.

Has anyone else experienced this? How should I deal with it?

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Re: Sliding backwards?

Posted by Tomim2B - 06 Aug 2009 07:49

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Re: Sliding backwards?

Posted by Eye.nonymous - 06 Aug 2009 09:39

...to add:

I feel like my lust has multiplied a hundred times since I officially started to tackle this addiction.

I thought, perhaps, it's just that I'm more aware of it now, but really I haven't changed. But, somehow I feel that my first comment is more accurate--my lust has really increases suddenly.

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Re: Sliding backwards?

Posted by kutan - 06 Aug 2009 12:07

Dear R' Eye,

it sounds FRUSTRATING!!!

My 2 cents guess is that your still in the fight the lust stage. Doesn't work for most, except the strong willed perhaps, like Tamim2b, who definitely seems to have one of those old fashioned neshamos, from the good old days when men were men. Now, we are all wimps. (Sorry, all)

Please work out in you rmind (posting it helps a great deal...) on how the advise in the handbooks jives with you. How do you relate to the summary of the first 3 steps of the 12.

These 3 steps, which are summarized and discussed throughout the forum and in past chizuk emails, were the key for me.

The Satmar Rav ZT"L once saw someone looking sideways as a woman passed. He must have sensed the struggle, and told the man, better look at her and think of the wall then to look at the wall and think of her!

Of course, he meant that the goal is to look at the wall and think of... anything.. but her.

That goal only comes about by learning to stop the lusting.

turn off lusting, its part of me.

There is no switch to

But to my amazement, there really is. :D

But like all good things, it needs hurevanya (effort) to discover and maintain.

MAIN THING >>>> is like you said: I'm jealous of all the posts that say, "I've been a heavy lust addict for 20 years, but now I've found Guard Your Eyes, and I'm finally clean!"

I feel that I've been going backwards. that's **GREAT!** if you are really jealous, you are going to change. IT will give you the fuel to scour the site and internalize the great ideas here.

very best wishes,

kutan

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Re: Sliding backwards?
Posted by the.guard - 06 Aug 2009 15:57

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Re: Sliding backwards?
Posted by kutan - 06 Aug 2009 17:56

[guardureyes wrote on 06 Aug 2009 15:57:](#)

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that moshel is PHENOMENAL!

the JUST part, though, is only true once you learn how to do it.

Its sort of like learning to ride a bicycle. Seems impossible beforehand, and afterwards you wonder at the people that can't

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Re: Sliding backwards?

Posted by bardichev - 06 Aug 2009 19:06

the vort turn triggers into triumphs is gevaldigggggggggggggg

even if it's my quote

man yeimar ver zoogt that the REACTION to a trigger MUST be HIRHURIM RA-IM or worse??

It can be a little knip in bekkel from HKB"H saying KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!! (or else...)

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