

now its my turn to flip out

Posted by strugglingandstrivngBT - 18 Nov 2011 04:20

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I just fell hard. the story of my day....I've been having doubts about certain aspects of yiddishkeit that are taken for granted by most and struggled with by me, namely kabbala's authenticity and role in my hashkafa (strong foundations in Chasidus and a very emotional emuna). so thats on the back burner. Ive also been struggling with looking at pictures on facebook again. also on the side burner. I had a doctor appt with a new psychiatrist. he's wearing a kippah and everything. Tell's me masturbation is fine but overexagerated by the rabbis. SO now Im confused. all this together and im very confused. all I want is to look at something. then my computer crashes as I'm trying to. mamash crashes. so im like a sign. then I looked at some mild pics in a library computer, a new low for me. i still cant believe i did that. so i have a chevrusa and im feeling a bit better. i get my computer fixed baruch Hashem and its now fresh, clean slate. also unblocked. first thing I go for is the hard stuff. after falling once in the shower before this. I know this is wrong. I know that its not what I want. but I dont understand it, I dont have a source. I feel like I'm missing Hashem and His Torah, my long lost friends. My helpers. I saw the hashgacha why cant I accept it and stop this nonsense once and for all? I have an appt with my therapist tomorrow. He's usually better about straightening e out when I flip out like this but i needed some venting and a cry fro some logical advice. or maybe just a virtual hug. ugh I'm so upset righ now taht I cant even cry out to HaKadosh Baruch Hu. I miss Him right now.

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Re: now its my turn to flip out

Posted by Hashem Yaasfeni - 25 Nov 2011 14:23

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Dear struggling,

Sometimes we cover our inner pains and emotional emptiness with M\*\*\* and it distracts us for a very short while.

When we are ready to finally give it up, those pains come forward and we unfortunately learned from a very young age to deal with it only one way, but obviously that way doesnt get us too far, and only leads to guilt and misery.

So the trick is when we finally let go to actually EMBRACE the pain and emptiness, and daven to Hashem to help you deal with this new pain (that you have previously dealt with by crushing

and avoiding). Its this new raw pain that feels very scary but as you face it and learn to accept it, it gets easier.

I hope that makes sense. Its said with my own experience.

I had a job interview yesterday and was feeling nerves all day but i just let it happen, was fully aware of it, felt it, and you know what? That is the feeling of being ALIVE !! We have stunted our emotional growth all these years until now, we have medicated ourselves so as not to feel reality.

Its time to start living and feeling and being FREE !!!!

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Re: now its my turn to flip out

Posted by strugglingandstrivngBT - 25 Nov 2011 14:36

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im well aware of all of this. i just forget it sometimes. it also doesnt help that the pain is real, and the circumstances are holding strong so far. granted, if i could clear this up I'd have a better spiritual clarity to deal with it. ugh. one day soon

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Re: now its my turn to flip out

Posted by gibbor120 - 25 Nov 2011 14:41

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What about people here on GYE? Have you called/met any of them. Have you admitted the nature of your problem. In short, have you been *real* with *real* people? Good friends are only a phone call away. If you keep in touch regularly, it might be easier to call when you feel low. Just call, dial the number whether you feel like it or not. It can make all the difference.

I wish you hatzlacha!

A fellow struggler.

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Re: now its my turn to flip out  
Posted by strugglingandstrivngBT - 25 Nov 2011 14:45

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i havent so much. im sure theres guys here at my school on here but im afraid to investigate to openly. im actually involved in a thread that if i had to guess the guy was at my school, though that could be a heuristic and im just guessing.

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Re: now its my turn to flip out  
Posted by gibbor120 - 25 Nov 2011 14:53

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Is there someone on the forum you identify with? Someone that you think would be a good friend for you? Why not send a PM? Exchange phone numbers. Do you have a Google Voice #? I haven't yet read from anyone here that calling a friend was a mistake. Only that it was a releif, and it ~~wasn't so bad~~ was very positive after all. We all need real people. I know I do.

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Re: now its my turn to flip out  
Posted by strugglingandstrivngBT - 25 Nov 2011 15:01

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yes and i did. we'll see what happens.

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Re: now its my turn to flip out  
Posted by gibbor120 - 25 Nov 2011 15:09

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Great!

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Re: now its my turn to flip out

Posted by obormottel - 25 Nov 2011 21:26

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Dear brother,

I can only repeat what I already told you once: I don't think you're ready to stop.

You don't see it as such a big deal. So you fall, then you report it on the forum, and then you white-knuckle it for a little while, and then you fall again. Sometimes you fall within twenty minutes from reporting "progress" (if GYE timer is any indication).

It doesn't look like you're doing anything at all to stop compulsive masturbation, and the reason you fall so "fast" is precisely that: you masturbate compulsively, without a chance to give it a thought.

Do you have any kind of fence set up, something to do before a fall, even maybe to put a nickle in the pushka, or call your mom, I'm not even saying reach out to someone who understands your problem, like another compulsive masturbator/sex addict.

You mentioned once, I think, that the Handbooks don't speak to you, chizuk emails are not for you, all kinds of materials you have no use for, and you can't relate to anyone with the same problem (unless they are in school with you?!).

I think you're still toying with this, thinking if only you can masturbate without guilt, and control the frequency, you'd be OK.

Well, good luck.

I'll be happy to reach out to you when you are on the bottom of the pit. Until then I'm afraid there is nothing to be done for you.

Gut Shabbos.

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Re: now its my turn to flip out

Posted by strugglingandstrivngBT - 26 Nov 2011 23:10

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i have too much control to reach the "bottom of the pit". Frankly I take offense to your reply and dont think it is right. I am for sure ready to stop. i have fences, they just dont work. and yeah

you're right I don't feel guilt, but I feel regret. I don't feel guilt because I've been told by too many that it's not a big deal, and I don't think that harboring insane guilt for something that is bad but not as bad as many make it out to be is healthy. I just have trouble finding the balance between that and really wanting to be pure. My acting out is from the same thing almost every time, an intense loneliness. When I am with people I am fine. I also have a long time behind me of acting out without guilt that it's hard to reprogram the self (see Kuntres Mayin Habeis Hashem Maamar 14 I believe). I know it's doable but it's very hard, and I need some help and I'm not finding it. I have a major safeguard for my eyes on the internet and BH it works. I have no filter on my internet, just COvenant Eyes and I am fine. Now I need to work on something for my hands...

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Re: now it's my turn to flip out  
Posted by Hashem Yaasfeni - 28 Nov 2011 15:50

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Dear S&S BT,

As one who has studied Kuntres Umaayon, and other Chabad works, as a fellow lover of Chassidus, I have found that I need my own self-imposed mussar to get myself on the right track.

I have found a very powerful tool that is the shiurim given by Reb Dovy on the Shmiras Ainayim mp3 classes that you can easily download and listen to. May I suggest you try that and see if it gives you the chizuk you are missing. A voice in the head can work wonders, especially as Reb Dovy is loving and yet tough, no judgement, just a friend sharing his own struggles.

IT is working for me !! Give it a shot. Let me know if you can't find the mp3 clips on GYE

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Re: now it's my turn to flip out  
Posted by gibbor120 - 28 Nov 2011 16:01

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[strugglingandstrivngBT wrote on 26 Nov 2011 23:10:](#)

my acting out is from the same thing almost everyt time, an intense loneliness. when I am with people i am fine.

What are you doing to combat the lonliness?

[strugglingandstrivngBT wrote on 26 Nov 2011 23:10:](#)

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Handcuffs? ;D

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Posted by obormottel - 28 Nov 2011 17:12

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[strugglingandstrivngBT wrote on 26 Nov 2011 23:10:](#)

i have too much control to reach the "bottom of the pit".

Putting being offended on a side for now, I think the above quote is exactly the problem: you think you're in control and yet you masturbate time after time. So who's in control? I'm not judging, I'm just asking a question that is obvious to an onlooker. In Kuntreis Heichaltzu he discusses the benefit of reaching out to friends, and of the obvious benefits is that someone who is NOT you, can have a clearer view of your situation.

[strugglingandstrivngBT wrote on 26 Nov 2011 23:10:](#)

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Forgive me, this is the same as saying "I put a string around my house, but the robbers still got in". If the fence doesn't work, is it the concept of a fence, or the fence itself is inadequate?

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Guilt is a natural consequence of doing something wrong (experienced by a responsible adult). Of course you don't feel guilt if you yourself don't think it's a big deal. I'm not talking about being guilt-ridden to the point of being debilitated, but without realizing that masturbating is wrong on so many levels (this is coming from a guy who spent over twenty years masturbating a couple of times a day every day, so please bear with me), and without feeling sufficiently guilty about it, I don't know if anyone can work on stopping.

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so get out there and find "people". People who can share your problem can be found at the nearby SA meeting, but you won't go there for fear of being labeled a sex addict. As for me, a label of any sort is less important than my sanity. And being able to look someone in the eye and tell them "I really fell like masturbating" and find understanding in their eyes is precious to me.

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Yes it takes time. Only castration is somewhat instant, but who wants to go that route?

As a closing remark, I would also submit to you, that in order to find help you need to look for it in places where it is available, not where it is "easy" to be looking.

Just my thoughts. I hope I'm less offensive this time around.

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