

Where is Hilchos Addiction?

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I have a question. I may not be fair but it bothers me anyways, so I want to ask.

We know that everything is found in the Torah, not just halachos and hashkafos but also the *mitzvos* *mitzvos*. The Rambam devotes much of hilchos daas to midos and *mitzvos* *mitzvos* *mitzvos*, as well as in Moreh Nevuchim and *mitzvos* *mitzvos* and more. All of the greats concentrated much effort on teaching us the about the *mitzvos* *mitzvos*, how the *mitzvos* *mitzvos* should and shouldn't look (The Ramchal, Gr'a, R' Yisrael Salanter, etc.). And not just theory, but also fixing things that went wrong. It's all there.

What I would like to know is if and where in the works of the Rishonim or Achronim we find the concept of addiction as a illness that requires a special method of healing, different than the standard approaches that work for everyone else. True, all the 12 steps have there source, but what is the source for the source of it all, the basic attitude of addiction as a sickness? Where is Hilchos Addiction?

Please let me know what you think.

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