GYE - Guard Your Eyes Generated: 13 September, 2025, 19:44 Tryin' Posted by cordnoy - 23 Jun 2013 09:41 **Shalom** I am in my 40s married with children Recently, I decided to get help on a serious level with my addiction. My mind wanders and the tayva builds. It would be easy to blame this on the lack of excitement in marriage intimacy, but I had done this at times before marriage, and at times, when marriage bedroom was good, I'd still fall. Perhaps it still is the reason, but marriage stuff is probably not gettin' better anytime soon. I have more to write, but as this is my first post, id like to hear some suggestions first please. Thank you so much C Re: Tryin' Posted by HakolMilimala - 22 Feb 2018 20:18 Oh wow that's frustrating. I know when I go to therapy I try to get really in the zone.. and then to get cancelled on, that would be like a slap across the face. So somehow i know that somehow somewhere there's a plan for the best

cordnoy wrote on 22 Feb 2018 19:15:

Posted by Markz - 22 Feb 2018 21:01

Re: tryin

So you know things are bad when you're sittin' in waitin' room of therapist after a year long hiatus, and your phone beeps with message from therapist: I'm sorry but I was on my lunch break and on returnin' now, I got rearended and we will need to reschedule.

After the rearend, the therapist may cv have PTSD and need their own shrink.

I can recommend 1

Re: tryin

Posted by cordnoy - 06 Mar 2018 23:39

In a response to someone who was blamin' God, I wrote:

I'm sorry you feel that way.

I try to remain in the background, but I must say a few things (some may be unpopular).

My life (of well over four decades) - I was surrounded by sickness, death, hospitals, disease, pain, therapists, doctors, psychiatrists, jail, anguish, danger, and more, and by this I am includin' parents and grandparents (young ones), spouse, children, siblings, teachers and students, and I am not referrin' to flus, chicken pox and speedin' tickets.

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I made the lousy decisions, and I needed to fix them. I went to therapists and specialists and sponsors and meetings. It was my resolve that I messed up and I need to climb outta it. Was there Divine help? I have no idea, nor do I care. Do I feel more of a connection now that I'm sober for over three years? At times.

But if I choose to think too much, I could get very angry, so therefore, I don't.

Recovery is too precious. I am finally livin' a life, although there is so much pain around me. The pain stinks and sucks, but I need to live, and that is only thru sobriety.

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Re: tryin Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 07 Mar 2018 01:56
I think HoRav Cord's point is that we can turn our will and our lives over to God's care even if we don't understand Him.
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Re: tryin Posted by yiraishamaim - 07 Mar 2018 02:06
I'm sure there is a good explanation, Cord's is a wise man.
I just know that whatever sobriety I have is intimately connected to what I understand those two steps to be.
He need not respond.
Just wanted to pick his brain - to learn something.
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Thank you.

Anyone who has been on my/our step call 8,9,10 times will know that I struggle with step 2. I have always said that I know God could restore us to sanity, but I do not know if He will. And step 3, I don't see a big question. That decision of livin' live accordin' to God's wwillis important. Some do this once and keep goin'. Others do it at every moment. And there are those that can do this only at different intervals.

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I'm between 1 & 3.
In my post above, I wrote that I have no idea if He has helped me or not. I have no idea if He was instrumental in my initial lousy choices. Those who will counter and say, "but Cords, He is involved in everythin'!?" I will agree, but if I think about it, it will make me sick to the stomach.
So it's easier for me to believe in God, know that He could help me, and I try to do things He would approve of.
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Re: tryin Posted by cordnoy - 08 Mar 2018 00:19
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Re: tryin Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 08 Mar 2018 01:04
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So would many here all that is needed is for our dear cords to tell us where when and the #
IAW (I am waiting)

Re: trvin Posted by cordnoy - 11 Mar 2018 16:56 Reb Meilech says from tzadikim in the past weeks parshah: ?? ??? ?! ?? ????? - when a person wants to serve Hashem but he cannot because clouds of darkness are hoverin' over him and blocking the light, he should know: that is ???? - those are the days that are truly illuminatin'; however, when he is livin' in a situation of ??? ???? - everythin' is lit up and he is burnin' with a holy fire, that is ????, for the primary avodah of mankind is to strengthen himself in the times of darkness and concealment, and this should remain ????? ?? ??? ??? ??? ??? ??? - through one's travels and life tribulations - to strengthen himself when the dark clouds are restin' over him. Re: tryin Posted by ieeyc - 13 Mar 2018 13:08 ==== Re: tryin Posted by ieeyc - 13 Mar 2018 13:57 just sayin` what almost everybodys thinkin` Re: tryin Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 13 Mar 2018 14:03 ieeyc wrote on 13 Mar 2018 13:57:

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