

The Nature of the Beast

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"No man leave this world with even half of his desires satisfied."

This means that it is very stupid to mess up your life by trying satisfy a forbidden desire. Even if you get it... you will only want another. You will not solve anything, you will not put a desire to rest; you will awaken it.

He who has 100 wants 200 and he who has 200 wants 400. No matter how much you get you will always want more. The best and only way is to be satisfied with your portion. To go after this is to strengthen a negative habit whose only direction is down.

"Desire confuses the senses"

This is the reason we are reading these posts. Anyone with sense would avoid this beast, the problem is that desire confuses the senses. The solution?

"What should a man do to die? Surrender to vice and lust. What should he do to live? Die to all his passions." TAMID 32

"Even so did the Holy One , blessed be He, speak unto Israel: "My children! I created the Evil Desire, but I [also] created the Torah, as its antidote; if you occupy yourselves with the Torah, you will not be delivered into his hands, for it is said: "If thou doest well , shalt thou not be exalted?"

With discipline, determination, and dedication a few hours a day of Torah study will greatly increase your chances of leaving this behind forever.

In addition I heard a great insight by the Steipler. Since many people fear the loss of pleasure and the added pain of quitting, he says:

The added pain you get for quitting is discounted from some other pain in your life.

The pleasure you lose from quitting is added to your pleasure in another aspect of your life.

There is no real loss in quitting not even the pain of doing so, as it is discounted from another pain that you already have.

It is 100% gain, because you will be ridding yourself of a very negative habit.

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Re: The Nature of the Beast

Posted by Ezra - 10 Dec 2014 22:18

Great post.

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