

I Fell After 224 days

Posted by withgdthereshope - 27 Jul 2021 03:19

I really thought I was good, and honestly, in many ways, I was. I think I understood what led me to fall and learned how to change that instead of white-knuckling. And it worked. For the first time since I was a teenager, I was clean for a truly extended period - 224 days.

And then, lately, I was letting things go a bit. I was listening to music that I shouldn't and not being careful not to look at what I shouldn't. And slowly, it broke barriers.

The past two weeks have been tough, and on a long drive last night, I listened to something I shouldn't and fell.

I wasn't sure if it was counted, so I decided I won't count it as a fall unless it happens again.

And then today, I fell in earnest.

Here's the thing. Last night I just felt numb. I didn't feel upset that I fell. I just didn't care. I WANTED to care, but I didn't really. And then I scared myself about being punished, which frightened me a bit, but I really just felt nothing.

And then today, I fell.

Please don't come telling me how great I am because I'm not great for the time. Sure, it's a great thing that will have immeasurable Schar, but I don't think I'm great for doing what I should've done, especially after I fell again.

But has anyone else has similar feelings as me? Just not caring?

I've been upset with situations within my marriage regarding bedroom life (which I've touched on in the Baal Habatim forums), and that's part of what went through my mind. Like, I'll just do it here instead. Of course, it doesn't make me feel good, but the honest truth is that until I was clean, this really wasn't an issue in my marriage because I took In out here.

But what bothers me most is the not caring part. I never would've ever imagined that I would feel this way. I would do anything to stop, and it took up my life, and then this just numbness.

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Re: I Fell After 224 days

Posted by withgdthereshope - 28 Jul 2021 04:13

[Captain wrote on 28 Jul 2021 01:18:](#)

[withgdthereshope wrote on 28 Jul 2021 00:00:](#)

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Re: I Fell After 224 days

Posted by withgdthereshope - 28 Jul 2021 06:24

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Thanks! Much appreciated

RE your first point, this is maybe the most critical concept that I work within a professional setting. Seeing our feelings as our body's responses instead of what I AM changes so much—a lot to say on this.

Today was a really tough day. Felt depressed, and it brought me back to some real dark days. Sometimes I just can't even rationalize and just need to put some space between me and everything else while giving the mind some space to work through things.

I'm looking forward to reading what you referenced when I have the emotional energy to look at it.

RE lust, that's an excellent point, and it's well taken. (It also reminds me of what Chazal say about the Yetzer Hara starting small and building up. It couldn't win by going direct to pornography, so it went step by step until it broke me down.)

I intended to bring out your second point, though. I meant that this fall had opened my eyes to the idea that even in my bedroom life, I've been looking for lust, and my mind has focused on lust. In my 224 days, I haven't actually addressed the lust part. I think that starting to address that would help that I'm not moving down the road of lust with the “smaller things” and help build a life of healthy intimacy which hopefully will turn around my marriage struggles as well. Your way of dealing with it has been the key to this whole 224 days of success.

And re posting, I have really got to do it more!

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Re: I Fell After 224 days

Posted by Captain - 28 Jul 2021 12:52

Thanks! We really appreciate your insight, and we know you have much to give from your own experiences as well as the learning you have done and others' experiences you have seen as a therapist.

We're looking forward to hearing more!

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Re: I Fell After 224 days

Posted by HappyYid - 28 Jul 2021 13:24

[withgdthereshope wrote on 27 Jul 2021 23:40:](#)

[Striving Avreich wrote on 27 Jul 2021 09:38:](#)

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I actually find Techloq to be a great filter. They are very customizable; if too many things are blocked you could just customize it the way you want it.

You could block categories or websites, and also have a schedule when you want certain things blocked or not.

Highly recommend.

Here and there there are random things blocked but for the most part they are on target with what I want open.

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Posted by Striving Avreich - 28 Jul 2021 14:27

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It is probably because of the default settings. The filters are very customizable (Techloq probably the most), but it has to be done properly. This is one of the major advantages of TAG. You go there and the technician works through all of the categories, you try your regular websites etc. and see what needs to be changed.

I would suggest going to you local TAG office and having them work with you on what ever filter you get.

Netspark is also good, but the techloq support is by far better, 24/6 block page support and better image and youtube filtering

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Re: I Fell After 224 days

Posted by withgdthereshope - 06 Aug 2021 21:38

Back to ten days, and it feels like this time it's a stronger level than the original 224 days. Working on being okay without lust and it's making a huge difference. Thank you, everyone, for the Chizuk and help.

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Re: I Fell After 224 days

Posted by Captain - 22 Aug 2021 13:50

Hey, how's it going?

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Re: I Fell After 224 days

Posted by OivedElokim - 14 Sep 2021 01:45

How are you doing buddy?

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Re: I Fell After 224 days

Posted by withgdthereshope - 14 Sep 2021 03:33

[OivedElokim wrote on 14 Sep 2021 01:45:](#)

How are you doing buddy?

To you and captain, thank you for asking. I'm doing as good as I've ever been plus plus Halevai Vaitor. That fall (if I can say it) was the best thing because it taught me so much and helped me

become something I wouldn't have been without it. Davening that it will continue. Yitzro Shel
Adam Misgaber Alav Bchol Yom Vilmulei HKBH ozro eino yachol lo

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