

**PLEASE HELP**Posted by VETZEINGUT - 05 Jan 2022 18:23

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**Re: PLEASE HELP**Posted by Vehkam - 05 Jan 2022 20:04

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hi there. you have definitely come to the right place and you are in safe company here. i have a few observations -

1) every time you are attracted to someone and don't act on it is an act of tzidkus. You need to understand how great you must be in hashem's eyes. it's the yetzer hara's job to cause the feeling of attraction and its your job to not act on it. you are doing that and deserve all the

credit.

2)i am not a professional but i believe that if you have a healthy relationship with your wife you don't need to worry about other labels - it is irrelevant

3)i am so sorry for what you went through, did you ever go for therapy for the molestation? i would think this would be first on the list.

4)Please come here often and connect with the oilam. you will not be judged and you will find it helpful to realize that some of the things you are struggling with are perfectly normal and shared by many, many people. You will learn to see yourself in a much more positive light and it will tremendously lighten your burden.

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Re: PLEASE HELP

Posted by bego - 06 Jan 2022 12:44

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[VETZEINGUT wrote on 05 Jan 2022 18:23:](#)

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Hiya, I'm no expert on this, but they are around here somewhere and will hopefully throw their opinions in.

One point from me - please dont mistake being a good person with having things still to work on. We are not asked to be perfect immediately. We are asked to have goals and to aim towards them. If you are gay, you are very lucky you are also in a great relationship. Think very carefully before making rash decisions. Move slowly towards your gaols.

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Re: PLEASE HELP

Posted by DavidT - 06 Jan 2022 15:08

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Hi

You did a great step by coming here and reaching out for help.

The fact that you were molested might be behind what you're going through. Abuse leaves emotional scars that remain in the person's subconscious for life. Such a person may feel pain deep down, making them more prone to using "self-medicating" behaviors that help sooth their inner pain.

Also, when a person is abused, they are helpless and lack control over their circumstances. Later in life, this person may attempt to assert "control" by sexually acting-out by themselves. Subconsciously, they are seeking to regain a feeling of "control" over what they felt was out of their control, by using the same behavior that was done to them. (This is also why many abused tragically become abusers themselves).

I'll reach out to you in PM for further discussion.

Stay string and Hashem will help you heal.

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Re: PLEASE HELP

Posted by Human being - 06 Jan 2022 15:37

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As long as your thoughts stay just thoughts and you stay away from acting on your thoughts, your ok. Your a normal person. We all have inappropriate and wierd thoughts from time to time.

If you cant stop having the thoughts you don't want to have and they are intruding your mind to the point that its disturbing your life, I'd recommend talking to a professional. (they have professionals over here on Gye- you can email them and ask them how to get in contact with one)

And know that childhood sexual abuse can cause interesting sexual thoughts and orientations when we get older. So if your able, you can bring that up to a prefessional if your going to talk to one.

Your amazing for doing so much -having a good marraige -doing your job, all the while living with such thoughts and not letting them get in the way. Feel free to let us know how its going.

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Re: PLEASE HELP

Posted by Yoina mutzhoo - 06 Jan 2022 18:15

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There is a lot of information here on the site about SSA (same sex attraction) [Forums](#) and

[Videos](#) they can help you shed light on your experiences.

It is worth reaching out for professional help on that.

Wishing you a healthy clean life!

Enjoy!

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Re: PLEASE HELP

Posted by hashemyeracheim613 - 07 Jan 2022 06:19

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Hey. Your story is really touching. You've already come very far in life. I hope that these struggles end really quickly but act as a catalyst to get you even higher. You said if people would know what you are thinking, they wouldn't want to have anything to do with you. You would be surprised how many people say that to themselves. Your thoughts don't define you.

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