

Struggling

Posted by Shalom E - 25 Mar 2022 21:38

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Thanks!

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Re: Struggling

Posted by Vehkam - 25 Mar 2022 22:06

Shalom Shalom! Welcome to the forum. There are definitely lots of guys here who can help. Also posting on a regular basis will keep you connected and more focused on what you want to accomplish. A clean streak of 250 days is quite an accomplishment and even when the streak is broken you don't lose all that you accomplished. I can understand if he frustration of falling back on old habits. have you read any of the material on this site yet. If not I highly recommend the book of the battle of the generation it was very helpful for me.

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Re: Struggling

Posted by Bilaam Harasha to Yosef Hatzaddik - 27 Mar 2022 02:28

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Re: Struggling
Posted by Captain - 27 Mar 2022 02:41

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ebook- The Battle of the Generation

Audio series- The Fight

They're very good to start with.

See below in my signature for the links.

?Hatzlocha!

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Re: Struggling

Posted by Shtarkandemotional - 27 Mar 2022 02:46

Welcome welcome! Your on your way to a lot of success! Remember, it'll only happen with Hashem's help! Trust in it and it'll come! Secondly, check out the links below in my signature it can be very helpful for some insight!

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Posted by DavidT - 27 Mar 2022 11:36

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Thanks!

Welcome! You actually seem to be doing very good! Keep it up!

Accidents can always happen and they are out of our control and we will not be punished for them, the main thing is how quickly we pick ourselves up and continue being strong and clean.

One of the tips that has helped many people is to take the struggle only "one day at a time." Try never to focus on the future or wonder how we will manage. We must learn to live in the present only, focusing on staying "clean" or "sober" right NOW. When we focus on the future, we can easily fall. It's like someone walking a tightrope; if he looks down, it becomes so much harder not to fall. Therefore, when feeling weak we can tell ourselves, "just for today, I will stay clean."

“Just for this moment, I will stay clean.” The past and the future are out of our hands and belong only to Hashem. When we feel that we are about to fall, we may even tell ourselves that we reserve the right to act out tomorrow. We are not making a decision now for life. However, just for today we will do whatever we can to stay clean.

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Posted by Markz - 27 Mar 2022 14:15

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Bilaam Harasha to Yosef Hatzaddik, these are nice suggestions, however they don't seem to work for everyone.

How about sharing what works for you!

What means “works”? Start with the stuff that keep you clean 45+ days...

Thats often more helpful for others to hear.

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Hey man, "Taphsic" may or may not work but it's sure not a first line of defense.

Try some of the other tools first, try things like making goals, urge management, distraction, value direction sheets, CBA's and so on.

Unless you like giving away free money or doing pushups.

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Posted by Bilaam Harasha to Yosef Hatzaddik - 27 Mar 2022 14:39

Right, to clarify the suggestions I gave are what have worked for me and what I've incorporated in my lifestyle.

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