

day 1 everyday

Posted by TheYoungerTwin - 31 Mar 2022 15:49

hi again

had a bit of a hiatus from posting.

im posting right now because im fed up. i dont feel guilty or depressed - just very annoyed.

the last time i posted was after a 65 day streak ended, and i gave up. i was also pretty busy and didn't want to put time and energy into trying to pick myself up again. over the next few weeks i didn't resist much and i frankly just didnt care.

in other news, i started working on a project im very excited about with some friends. i've grown a bit as a person (thanks to therapy and friends) and im excited about the direction im going in.

this is great. i've never felt better.

but, theres something thats getting in the way.

(3 guesses)

yea. sexual urges, fantasizing, and acting on them is a momentum killer. also a mood killer. and focus killer. and energy killer.

its just distracting and a waste of time.

and for what??

my 2 annoyances right now are:

1) its eating my time and focus (that could be spent on my passion project)

2) its a f*cking letdown every time. when you dont use for a while, you forget how empty it feels and you only remember the high. but i've been masturbating/looking at porn pretty frequently, and im acutely aware of the fact that i literally cannot satisfy my sexual cravings. to the point that i dont even know why im doing it. i just do it.

i know that posting in the past has helped tremendously. so im going to try that again.

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Re: day 1 everyday

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 31 Mar 2022 16:07

Amazing that you've returned. Definitely relate to your one day policy.

May you have much hatzlocha, we're here for you.

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Re: day 1 everyday

Posted by DavidT - 31 Mar 2022 16:22

If I may suggest, try to fight off the Yetzer Hara - not one day at a time - but **one hour at a time**. The y'h won't have very much to reply to that. One hour?, c'mon, that could be handled. Those 'one hours' will turn into days and finally months with the help of Hashem.

Say Strong and connected!

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Posted by Avrohom - 01 Apr 2022 03:58

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yes. my mindset right now is not just "focus on one day at a time".

its "i honestly don't care if i masturbate and watch porn tomorrow or in a month from now - or even from tomorrow till a month from now. all i care about is not getting distracted TODAY, because today is important to me."

btw, i succeeded. day 1 went well.

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Re: day 1 everyday

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 01 Apr 2022 11:29

Welcome back. May Hashem give you tremendous hatzlocha!

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Posted by MenachemGYE - 01 Apr 2022 12:41

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Re: day 1 everyday

Posted by TheYoungerTwin - 01 Apr 2022 14:42

day 1

today is looking pretty good.

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Posted by pattycake - 01 Apr 2022 21:27

wanna try your 1 day idea bro. thank you!

i just fell after a few days...

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just give it up for today. decide that today will be a better, more productive day without the wild

goose chase. today is what matters.

glad i can provide a (slightly) different perspective.

good luck! yes, we will win.

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Re: day 1 everyday

Posted by committed_togrowth - 03 Apr 2022 20:23

Great to hear from you youngertwin, wishing you lots of success!

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Posted by Avrohom - 06 Apr 2022 04:05

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By all means, explore! I also found dovs idea to be a little confusing

don't have time right now to discuss tho

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