

My Continuous Journey

Posted by Sapy - 11 Apr 2022 04:17

Hi Guys, Some of you know me from my thread in the BB forum, I decided to start a new thread in the general section.

So, after counting some 150 or so days, I relapsed, and watched pornography (Cords, it does feel better...) masturbated etc, the whole nine yards... several times in the past week.

But, somehow things are different this time around, I'm in a very different place as I was a few month ago, I've been going to therapy on a consistent basis, and life is much more manageable bh.

My falling isnt driven by my anxiety, and so isnt my recovery. I'm actually pretty okay with myself after my relapses. I dont feel like life is gonna now come crashing down, I dont hate myself, and I am not anxious. (I dont even need chizzuk....)

I've been thinking alot why I wanna stop with these behaviors now. It took me some thinking to see if/where it interferes with my values and life. I decided to try F2F program, not sure if I'll follow it fully, as I'm working with my therapist, but I wanna check it out.

So please my friends, I didn't really open the thread to help others, I'm here to help myself, please, if anyone has what a comment, idea etc especially if you worked the F2F program, I would appreciate, just please keep me real...

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Re: My Continuous Journey

Posted by committed_togrowth - 12 Apr 2022 14:27

Hi bego,

I'm not sure what a purified sex drive would entail, I just meant the adult film industry plays off other aspects of the human psyche other than simple intimacy. I won't go into detail here for all

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Re: My Continuous Journey
of our sakes
Posted by mggsbms - 12 Apr 2022 16:19

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Re: My Continuous Journey
Posted by Sapy - 12 Apr 2022 18:28

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That is the way I feel. I maybe wouldn't yet use the word value, or part of my being. I should maybe also note that I got there threw a therapist as well.

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Re: My Continuous Journey
Posted by Sapy - 25 Apr 2022 18:01

Latest update: I keep on falling, not sure what my plan is or should be. I did realize (using the F2F CURE tracker) that my last few falls were in result of my anxiety.

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Re: My Continuous Journey
Posted by alefbeisveis - 26 Apr 2022 04:00

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Re: My Continuous Journey
Posted by Bilaam Harasha to Yosef Hatzaddik - 26 Apr 2022 13:25

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I agree but I think a filter would help you a lot when it comes to those lust attacks where you act compulsively on the desire. I have had moments like that and I was glad I had a filter that actually did it's job and prevented me from being able to fulfill that desire.

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Re: My Continuous Journey
Posted by Azorli - 26 Apr 2022 14:39

For me, I think back to the last time I slipped up, and if I had confidence before the slip up that I would be able to withstand. Every single time, I thought that I'll be able to stop myself through willpower, and every single time I was wrong. I finally figured out that I should have confidence that I shouldn't trust my absolute confidence in my willpower. This idea doesn't make any sense

to someone when they have that feeling of confidence, so one can only rely on experience to understand that they're about to fall into the same trap they always fall into. It's actually possible for someone to keep falling for the same old trap for years and still have confidence that they won't.

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Re: My Continuous Journey

Posted by Sapy - 28 Apr 2022 02:45

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Re: My Continuous Journey

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 28 Apr 2022 11:32

A filter fills a major purpose. Sometimes our resolve is weak, we are tired, super stressed, massively bored, or just plain fed up with something. We are not going to drive to a store and buy a Smartphone, use it for a few hours, and then smash it... However if we have an easily accessible open device that can "pacify" us, we feel "why not?" This is where a filter literally saves the day. In addition, in my conversations with many guys, they report good filters saving them from the side advertisements etc that used to entice them while they were working on totally kosher sites. That nisayon just does not exist for them any more.

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Posted by Trouble - 28 Apr 2022 13:10

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good luck, and nice to see that cord's strings can be productive as well.

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Re: My Continuous Journey

Posted by excellence - 01 May 2022 20:14

I love what you wrote "I cannot trust myself" because over the many years of my struggle I have come to this realisation that I must be constantly alert and at least once a day remind myself how important it is to me to stay clean. Too often I trusted myself or switched into autopilot. I have learnt the hard way that I need to view myself as always vulnerable in regards to this test.

As a side point, we don't need to turn away from our falls and focus on wishing they didn't happen, rather we must realise that all our falls are part of what will get us to the goals we are working towards.

We admire you,

Excellence

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