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what's the issur of wasting seed? and about me Posted by tshuvayid - 04 Feb 2010 21:40

i just wanted to know exactly the gdorim of this issur, besides the problem of ?????????

(hirhur). And is the case of er veonan (yehuda's children) a reference? (it might be slightly different since they did it on purpose not to make tamar pregnant).

i m only asking cause i strongly think one cannot struggle with this matter while not knowing exactly what s wrong with it.(i mean lefi hahalocho)

thanx for the replies on my previous post, it gave me a lot of chizuk.

But I d like to tell you a little more about myself (answering silentbattle's request).

i have always been viewed as a erliche yid. i never fell in that pit until last year while following secular studies. At that moment, i was alone, away from my family and needed an internet access for my studies which required a lot of time and were very stressful.

The first time i fell, my whole body was trembling as if a stranger was entering it.

I immediatly thought it was connected to my studies(i couldn't learn anymore after several years in yeshiva gegolah).But I couldn t do anything to avoid it and didn t have enough time, even for a heshbon hanefesh!

Currently, i m learning in university, away from my dear friends and my family. I often feel very depressed because of my loneliness. I now understand very well the posuk:

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Re: what's the issur of wasting seed? and about me Posted by tshuvayid - 07 Feb 2010 00:23

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thanx guys and a gut vokh! if you can tell me anything which can help don t hesitate!!!!!!!!
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Re: what's the issur of wasting seed? and about me Posted by Me3 - 07 Feb 2010 01:40
Briut
He wrote "I'm only asking bec. I feel you can't struggle with this uness you know the gidrei haissur" that is what we were objecting to. We were not trying to question anything and we did not intend to offend (Nor did we).
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Re: what's the issur of wasting seed? and about me Posted by Dov - 08 Feb 2010 01:33
Briut wrote on 05 Feb 2010 20:24:
Hey, guys, I know I'm piping up fairly late into a discussion, but thought I'd share that there is one question burning in me. It's that the OP is trying to find the exact Torah sources for what KIND of 'bad' it is, WHERE the makor for this fact is, and HOW broadly it applies, etc.
I don't see ANYTHING suggesting that he would refuse to get clean if he doesn't find adequate and satisfying (?) answers. I only see a guy who's asking intellectual questions. And, frankly, I'm viewing some of the comments as being "blind faith" rather than "Torah lomdus" responses.
In my view, the Torah is based ideally on knowledge/learning and not on blind faith. (Otherwise, I'd let some priest tell me what to do and forbid bible reading)
Dear Briut - If we could actually say that knowing this would necessarily make an iota of

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difference in getting someone to stop for good, I'd promtly shut up. But I do not believe it is so in many cases.

In fact, when you write that Torah (and by extension, recovery/t'shuva) is not based on blind faith, but on knowledge, I want to respond as follows: (so I will ;D)

Of the following two choices, which is more like "knowledge" and which is more like "blind faith"?

1- what the p'sukim, shulchan aruch, gemorah or zohar tell me I must not do,

(based on my acceptance of Torah misinai, emunas chachomim, [and ruach hakodesh in some cases])...

or,

2- the experiences - each of which I had: of being so **wrapped up** in my porn and masturbation (or my heiligeh struggle not to use/do it) that I live a life where even my *ruchnius* is all about **me**; watching my wife cry her heart out when she sees that I have a much closer relationship with my *ever* than I have with *her* (sorry folks); and getting my face mashed into the shame of my servitude to these embarrassing and pathetic behaviors I do over and over, without recovery.

I don't need any faith to suffer. I just need to not recover.

Furthermore, when the Torah tells us that teshuvah (per RMB"N) is within our reach, it doesn't say it's in a book, at all. It says all we need la'asos is what is in our mouths and in our hearts. Our own experience - if we really see it as it is unvarnished - will lead us to teshuva.

But if "faith" is the sole virtue you crave...g'luck!

Love (really!),

Dov

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Re: what's the issur of wasting seed? and about me Posted by briut - 08 Feb 2010 01:56

dov wrote on 08 Feb 2010 01:33:

Of the following two choices, which is more like "knowledge" and which is more like "blind faith"?

1- what the p'sukim, shulchan aruch, gemorah or zohar tell me I must not do,

(based on my acceptance of Torah misinai, emunas chachomim, [and ruach hakodesh in some cases])...

or,

2- the experiences - each of which I had: of being so **wrapped up** in my porn and masturbation (or my heiligeh struggle not to use/do it) that I live a life where even my *ruchnius* is all about **me**; watching my wife cry her heart out when she sees that I have a much closer relationship with my *ever* than I have with *her* (sorry folks); and getting my face mashed into the shame of my servitude to these embarrassing and pathetic behaviors I do over and over, without recovery.

Well, Dov, you've spoken well. And of course #2 is the ikkar. End of discussion. Almost. But I'd say that some Yidden can live on 0% #! and 100% #2. For folks like me, it's 10/90. And for some others, it's maybe 50/50.

You might see in your experience (and I have basically none at all) that #1 is nearly always a distraction from #2. Fair. My only question was whether asking for a little bit of #1 destroys the sincerity of someone who's also looking at #2.

And in the case of our original post-er (with my apologies for getting things off-track here), I'm just hoping we can all be a little dan I'kaf zchus before we assume he's looking in the wrong

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direction. I think we've judged him favorably. Including -- especially -- you. You're just hoping to focus his thoughts on what's "important." Which is a loving thing to do. So, folks, post on.

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