

Bego

Posted by bego - 20 Apr 2017 14:53

Hi all

I am a married man with children in my early thirties.

I have had problems with pornography since I was Bar Mitzvah. In Yeshivah I was very consumed by my lust but apparently we are not supposed to say too much. I got married, thinking as we all do that it would settle down, and B"H in terms of actually being Mashchis Zera, I have been much better.

But I still struggle with looking at women in the street and the dreaded boredom at work where google calls me and I, regretfully, answer. Unfortunately work makes a filter nearly impossible.

It really is like a drug. I can feel myself NEEDING to look right now. I still recall the soothing warmth of the Hashchosas Zera and quickly forgot the guilt and sadness that came after. I regularly fall at these times, at least with looking, but I really want to improve. I have been getting the emails for ages and they really help but I recognise I probably need more.

Hopefully this will help.

I was just wondering if someone will work out who I am. Then I realised that if they do, it means they have also been reading this :-)

All the best

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Re: Bego

Posted by Kavey - 29 Jun 2022 15:50

You quoted @fromnow just fine

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The guys who try and fail, try and fail and pick up themselves up again are I think very different than the guys who close the book on trying.

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Re: Bego

Posted by Sapy - 29 Jun 2022 20:20

Did Bego ever say hes closing the book on trying? He just doesnt have the urge to feel now like life ended... and all the scary things will now happen in this world and the other one...

That's the way I read his posts. And I relate to that.

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Re: Bego

Posted by 5Uu80*cdwB#^ - 30 Jun 2022 15:03

[bego wrote on 29 Jun 2022 14:29:](#)

[fromnow wrote on 29 Jun 2022 14:21:](#)

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You are correct that most people don't change their insides. But some people do. I have seen it in myself over the past year. I have seen tremendous changes in my inner nature, and this is coming from someone who thought he would be masturbating till 120 and who thought he had bigger taivos and worse nisyonos than everyone else. I am far from perfect, but I am substantially changed in my inner nature from where I was one year ago. I'm just saying that just because most people never change their insides, doesn't mean one cannot aspire to it and achieve it.

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i agree we should all strive to grow up,but never give up

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Re: Bego

Posted by bego - 27 Jul 2022 14:40

Hi all

Sorry, I didn't mean to ignore the responses. I've just been dealing with a lot the past month.

B"H a month of reasonable cleanness. No actual masturbation. A couple of quick looks at porn which are more to do with tiredness than anything.

I want to be me.

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Too true. Even though I'm B"H getting closer to a year clean and I've been clean since joining GYE BS"D, I still have urges and I still have to work hard, and I still don't know if I'll have the courage to get up if I C"V fall.

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why do you feel that people dont change internaly?based on what i was taught i disagree, the main avoda of a yid is to change himself internaly, just to change onself externaly may be very chashuv but also has a great risk of falling into self deception, look how long my paayos is , im soooooo holy

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yes ,Hashem cares and He is hoping that youll pull yourself out of this mess. will Hashem hold you accountable and judge you strictly for this?this is not for me to give an opinion at all . i hope not. welcome back!

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Posted by Sapy - 20 Mar 2023 22:48

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Thanks Sapy. Nice to see your name and nice to hear you care.

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