

hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by mendy200 - 28 Jun 2020 13:15

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by DavidT - 28 Jun 2020 14:54

[mendy200 wrote on 28 Jun 2020 13:15:](#)

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No, you're not alone as you can see on this forum.

You're not alone in the fact that you're struggling and you're not alone in the fact that you'll be able to STOP and keep strong with the help of Hashem and the good people on GYE!

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 28 Jun 2020 17:52

Welcome! We are all in this together.

Keep us posted on your progress.

Hatzlachah

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by Captain - 28 Jun 2020 18:57

This is such a tough battle but remember that that itself makes each effort so incredibly great!

For a great book that will help you acquire this attitude, check out the Battle of the Generation (guardyoureyes.com/ebooks/item/the-battle-of-the-generation)

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by i love myself - 29 Jun 2020 00:52

Hi Mendy200 -

First of all you not stuck, you are in the process of healing...

There is a saying ***"the first step for change, is awareness"***

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by mendy200 - 29 Jun 2020 02:11

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by Ihavestrength - 29 Jun 2020 03:32

[mendy200 wrote on 29 Jun 2020 02:11:](#)

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Yes, Hashem loves you even if you fall. Just like a parent still loves their child even when they don't listen or misbehave. However, the child who recognizes how much their parent loves them and that the parent is looking out for the best interest of the child, will listen to what the parent tells them to do.

As to the point of him "wanting you to fall": That is not true. Certainly Hashem controls all outcomes, and if he wanted he could make someone walk in the room before you did it in order to stop you, but it was you, using your own free will that chose to fall. Hakol beydai shamayim chutz miyiras shamayim.

This doesn't mean that being human doesn't involve failure. That is part of life. We all fail, in many areas, and failure is to be expected. Progress, not perfection. True in every single area of life.

Hope this helps!

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by mendy200 - 29 Jun 2020 12:16

thank you i have strength!

but i thing you are taking a side in the question from the rambam about yediah and bechirah, and there are a lot of other explanations how to answer that, and i still could be right....

thanks:mendy200

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by Snowflake - 29 Jun 2020 13:36

Hashem loves you unconditionally. No matter what you do or don't do. Hashem like a father loves his child and only wishes the best for him. I think when we fall He's not angry, He feels pity for us. Hashem wants us to be sane. He truly wishes we would stop not for Him but for us. The way we live life with shmutz is insane and shmutz affects our whole life. We feel depressed, can't work properly, daven, etc.

So try to think that Hashem would love you to stop, above all, for yourself. The way we live life with shmutz is not a life. It's dragging yourself through the days.

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by i love myself - 29 Jun 2020 19:22

Good point , i agree... hashem does it all.. but we are responsible for our actions, using emunah to brush off responsibility is wrong...

When Oodum Harishoim started blaming chava and not take responsibility he got cursed...

Hashem wants us to take "responsibility" ...

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by i love myself - 29 Jun 2020 19:25

yediah and bechirah is a sugya for when we learn... but that dosnt make any difference
L'halucha V'Imaseh for us... we still have all the 613 mitzvahs and we must do our best, the best
of our ability , over and over again and again as long we live..

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by mendy200 - 29 Jun 2020 22:03

thanks everyone for answering me!

but... i know that every thing you are all saying is true, but when it comes **lemaisah** it just
vanishes away, and i think- that i know what i am doing is wrong but, i could always
do **teshuvah** and be the same that i was, (even that i know that "*if someone says i will sin and
do teshuvah he does not get help from above*" i also know that if i will ask someone after i fell
that really i am not getting help from above? he will answer me that it does not mean this
only...)

i would really appreciate some**chizuk** or even heavy **musser**...

thanks :mendy200

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by i love myself - 30 Jun 2020 01:00

don't be mistaking that once you will remember all this nice during an urge then you will not sin...

In your case your desire to reach that pleasure to fulfill your urge overpowers all mussar and intellectual stuff you know... the reason for that is because its an ingrained "Habit" for years... and it takes time and hard work to change bad habits... it doesn't happen by one musser schmooz and you are all transformed...

That's the purpose of the 90 day chart.. as GYE post on top of the 90 day chart the following (in case you didn't read) **Take the leap of faith and start your 90 days challenge!It's not all or nothing. Just do your best and track your days.**

Scientific studies show it takes about 90 days to change the neuron pathways in the brain created by addictive behaviors. Members of the 12-Step groups are given a "red" recovery chip when they reach 90 days. We also find the idea of 90 in Chazal. The Halacha is, that if one is not sure if he said "v'sen tal u'matar", he must repeat the Shmoneh Esrei. However after 30 days, one no longer needs to repeat Shmoneh Esrei when in doubt, because we assume that his mind has already gotten used to saying it. 30 days is 90 Shmoneh Esreis! Chazal knew that it takes 90 times of doing something to get the mind used to it. The Hebrew letter "Tzadik" – which symbolizes a Tzadik who is pure, also equals 90 in Gematria.

There are many ways to change habits, one of them is to prepare beforehand an alternative pleasure what you will do as soon as you feel an urge coming... some people make up with a partner that they will call every time they feel the urge... after consistent 90 days of changing a this habit you will be in a very different state of being... and after 180 days its even easier.. and then after a full year and you can imagine after a few years... well the urge will still come.. but you have the ability to overcome because its not a habit anymore....

Hatzlucha on your journey,

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by Captain - 30 Jun 2020 01:06

I was once in a store and I heard a person telling his friend, "I'm not addicted to cigarettes! I could quit whenever I want! I just don't want to right now."

I would bet anything that this person still smokes.

The question you have to ask yourself is when you're gonna be the person you want to be? Because if you don't decide that you want to be that person soon, you might tell yourself "tomorrow" for the rest of your life! But if you try now, then you will already be the person you want to be now!

There are things that are more important and greater to you than temptation, at least during the time of your life that you're not lusting. You have to ask yourself who you want to be. Do you want to be someone great? Then fight the battle and you'll be great (no matter whether you succeed or not.) When you want to win strong enough, you won't want to make excuses! You'll want to be the great person you can be, more than you want pleasures, and it will be easier not to make excuses.

Remember, the way to become a great person is by trying to overcome temptation. So when it's more difficult, it's a greater opportunity to become great!

Hatzlocha

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Re: hi ! i am stuck...

Posted by i love myself - 30 Jun 2020 01:14

Good point @ Captain

when something is really important nothing in the way.. like the laziest type people still don't miss flights if its to an important destination and missing it means missing an opportunity / occasion..

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