

Observations

Posted by Youngster - 08 Oct 2020 02:07

Hi all! I'm pretty new here, joined just about three weeks ago bh, like most of us here, I'm struggling with those issues for years, and I'm hoping to finally succeed iyh!

I decided to start a thread here, because I realized that after 10 years fighting, I still dont know what works for me, and what doesn't, what triggers me, and how to avoid that etc, and I realized that without a strategy you cannot win a war... so I decided to write here my observations threw my journey, to clarify myself (and maybe by mistake help some others...) and iyh learn the right methods and ideas to succeed and stay strong.

I will also greatly appreciate the advice, ideas, and corrections from all the experienced veterans here!

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Re: Observations

Posted by ColinColin - 02 Nov 2020 22:47

Hi Youngster.

Your experience of winning a battle, only for the urge to return even stronger a short while later, is very familiar to me.

It almost always strikes twice or three times in rapid suscession.

I advise not just avoiding the urge, but replacing it with constructive activity, all the while knowing the urge will return even stronger.

If you are aware in advance, then you can be stronger when it strikes.

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Re: Observations

Posted by Youngster - 20 Nov 2020 08:50

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and yes, the belly flop hurts....

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Re: Observations

Posted by Grant400 - 20 Nov 2020 11:00

[Youngster wrote on 20 Nov 2020 08:50:](#)

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Oh! How I remember my first belly flop. I was trying to learn how to dive gracefully after years of simple splashing in feet first. It was so scary and intimidating standing up high upon the diving board. I looked down in fear, gazing into the merciless water, toes curled around the edge of the board, heart pounding in trepidation. Finally I aroused myself and summoned courage to take the plunge head first.

How free I felt sailing through the air! Like a bird, wind tickling my face. Oh! This was life! How fun this was! Why didn't I learn to do this earlier? I looked toward the water expecting a clean entry, my body gliding effortlessly and gracefully, cutting into the water like a sharp dagger. When suddenly, wham! I landed on my belly in a stinging humiliation. So unexpected! The pain went searing through my body like a white hot knife. I flailed wildly, in a panic. Feeling my breath and energy slowly ebbing.

My brain sending sos codes to my limbs, I suddenly remembered I can swim. Moving my arms and legs symmetrically, the way I was taught, I plodded through the pool to the waters edge. I hoisted myself out and laid on the hard concrete panting. Breathless, exhausted, discouraged. Feeling like a failure.

Abruptly I straightened up. Wait a second, I realized. I'm not a failure! I'm still in the learning stages. I've been learning, I know what needs to be done. I can visualize the perfect dive! I just need to train my body to obey my mind. I haven't failed! On the contrary this is how a person learns how to do anything properly. It takes trial and error. Part of the process towards success factors in initial development, including mistakes. Even as startling and painful as a belly flop. I am actually closer than before to attaining that flawless dive. I actually just moved one step ahead!

I picked myself up, jaw set determinedly, and headed back towards the diving board with a spring in my step. How free I felt heading there again! Like a bird, wind tickling my face. Oh! This was life! I forged ahead my spirits high, knowing I am one giant step closer to achieving the perfect graceful dive.

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Re: Observations

Posted by starting - 22 Nov 2020 07:38

[Youngster wrote on 20 Nov 2020 08:50:](#)

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No! No!

You did not fall 63 days.

You fought and won for 63 consecutive days and that feat will always be there. You just stopped the streak from getting to day 64. But the 63 day streak is yours forever.

Notice your cumulative days. That did not drop.

Use these streak to realise that you are at an unimaginable place. *63 days!! Wow wow!!* Take

the future from here.

You made a mistake. You fell. After years of having a habit of falling often, you made it clean for 2 months. And then you fell. And a fall is a bad thing. A terrible thing. And the best people can fall.

Pick yourself up! Brush yourself off.

You did not fall 63 days. One day, when you are well into your unending streak, you will look back and say, that 63 day streak paved the path to sobriety. It was that first long streak, that got me to realise that I don't need this stuff. I can come clean. Make this streak the cornerstone of your new, clean reality.

Most importantly, a streak is based on 24 hour periods. You can't rush it. Don't get put off by the fact that it takes 2 months to get to that stage.

Stay clean for one day at a time and appreciate every clean day.

What you are starting now is your current streak. It does not show your previous victories. So it may say you're up to day 2 or 3 but that's only your current streak. It's not you. You are 63 days higher than that.

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Re: Observations

Posted by Youngster - 22 Nov 2020 19:37

Thank you all, amazing words, great points.

really appreciate!

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Re: Observations

Posted by Grant400 - 04 Dec 2020 16:36

@Youngster: (Definitely not a youngster in wisdom) How's the swimming lessons going? Is your belly still stinging?

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Re: Observations

Posted by Sapy - 04 Dec 2020 16:54

No because my last fall was just after 10 days... so it was not from so high...

Jokes aside, thanks for asking, I had a fall 3 days ago, didnt see that one coming, was a sudden urge, and I wasnt prepared... (last time was a build up, from the days before slipping...)

So here I am 3 days in....

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Re: Observations

Posted by Rebuild613 - 06 Dec 2020 00:30

[Grant400 wrote on 04 Dec 2020 16:36:](#)

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Aabsolutely! Not a youngster in wisdom.

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so @youngster you got everything, just keep climbing or trucking as they say over here

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Re: Observations

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 17 Dec 2020 04:37

Hows it goin buddy?

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Re: Observations

Posted by Youngster - 21 Dec 2020 20:30

Hi,

I fell after 20 days, locked my app store, (threw which I fell) any other suggestions are welcome...

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Re: Observations

Posted by OivedElokim - 22 Dec 2020 01:17

I think you got it-unless you have other ways of falling that you aren't blocked from...

Much success!

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U don't have the code right?

Re: Observations

Posted by Youngster - 22 Dec 2020 01:40

No, I blocked it by the filter company.

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Re: Observations

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 22 Dec 2020 01:42

[Youngster wrote on 22 Dec 2020 01:40:](#)

No, I blocked it by the filter company.

Awesome, u have an iPhone?

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