

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Posted by Aaron1 - 12 Jan 2021 04:22

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Posted by wilnevergiveup - 12 Jan 2021 05:51

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Hatzlacha and may you be zoche to build a home that is *kaddosh* and *tahor*.

All the best,

Wilnevergiveup

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Re: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Posted by anothershot - 12 Jan 2021 05:58

Hi welcome back & mazal tov! You should build a ??? ????? ???????!

It's amazing that you have come so far!

1. I would caution you not to become too complacent with where you are and lower your guard.

Especially in this fight where you have come so far and won many many battles you don't want to give up the ground you made and let the yh in and risk it getting out of control. Remember chazal say that if you feed it it will not be satisfied.

I recommend thinking back to when it was rough how did it feel & how much you wanted to change.

Then think how it felt each time you had an accomplishment in your fight... Each time you had a longer clean streak the pure joy the sense of accomplishment.

Hopefully this will reignite your passion for the battle ahead.

2. You wrote that you're practicing for your wedding night. In my experience porn & masturbation never helped for intimacy with my wife. I would guess most if not all married guys on here would agree with me.

Porn is acted out and if you try to just replicate porn in your intimate life it will most likely turn your wife off. If you have concerns about the 1st night and beyond maybe consult with your rebbi or a therapist to help you out.

The best practice is to go into your marriage as clean as possible!

Hatzlacha rabah!

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No problem, I am really sorry that I misunderstood you. My intent was not to hurt you, rather to give you a strong reasoning to use to counter the Y"H, sorry that it came out the wrong way. I know that you don't want to actually practice, but the Y"H does want you to so you must make sure not to let your guard down. Even though now it's just a fleeting thought, you would be surprised what our brains are capable of if we let these thoughts fester.

I was hoping to arm you with a counter attack, sorry again that I came across too strongly.

Please continue to post and don't let my response scare you away.

You seem like a real growing yid, keep *shteiging*!

You are also really strong for standing up for yourself and not just crawling back into your shell (like I would).

All the best,

Wilnevergiveup

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Re: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Posted by Grant400 - 12 Jan 2021 13:38

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This may sound harsh to some, but the only one at fault - is reality. It's the cold, hard, naked truth. Oh yeah, that root canal thingy, isn't just on the man...he causes his wife's teeth to decay and she may lose her ability and desire to eat and enjoy food for a while. Or forever.

But, if properly addressed and worked on, it can be a beautiful set of teeth. Both rows of straight white pearls, working in harmony, the tastebuds singing in delight as the deliciously delicate flavors tickle their fancy...

We have the ability to create an intimate experience that can be "The good, the bad, or the ugly."

Great post @WNGU!

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Re: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Posted by Aaron1 - 20 Jan 2021 02:26

I feel amazing. I'm ready to reach new heights. Three steps forward, one step back. Let's go!

Also, I was shown a neat article today that really, *really* resonated with me:

www.inverse.com/mind-body/curiosity-awareness-behavior-change

I was reminded of times where in the heat of the moment I take a step back, look around the room, and think to myself, "What am I doing?? This looks so pathetic." And poof. The desire is gone.

Onward.

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Posted by Hashem Help Me - 20 Jan 2021 03:40

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Re: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Posted by Hakolhevel - 20 Jan 2021 05:07

Aaron. Just to explain the "harsh" reactions here. Unfortunately we married men on this forum have hurt our wives by entering marriage with this problem. We see you about to head to the chuppa, and we see ourselves I you and we wish someone was there when we got married to stop us from falling off the cliff.

Wish you mich hatzlocho and strength. The root canal is not easy but I assure you, the othr way is much more painful.

With love

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Dearest Aaron1,

Please please heed the words of HHE.

We all love and care for you so much and only want to see you succeed in building a Bayin Neeman b'Yisrael of Kedusha v'Tahara.

Please stay and work with us.

And you will, bezras Hashem, be matzliach.

With love and hope,

YeshivaGuy

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Re: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Posted by evergreen - 20 Jan 2021 20:50

Don't mean to hijack this thread from you Aaron, but I wanted to express hakaras hatov to the warnings from the married chevra beyond pressing the "thank you" button. I have had strings of falls start from this same twisted thought process of "practicing". This is definitely something I needed to hear.

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Re: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Posted by Aaron1 - 02 Feb 2021 09:27

Doing well, folks. That is all.

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Re: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 15 Feb 2021 07:13

How u been bro?

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