

Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by thompson - 01 Jul 2024 18:22

Hello, dear brothers, fighting the good fight.

I'm Thompson, and I come in peace - I don't bite.

I've tried many times to quit, and every time fell flat on my face prematurely.

By now, many porn sites have my email address stored (hopefully) securely.

So I figured, what harm can it do if I attempt to kick this via another anonymous online account -

Resembling the others - all of which only in an incognito window do I mount.

I'm now on day three in my quest toward a clean life,

I pray to our heavenly father that this time, I should get there without much strife.

Amen

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by thompson - 18 Jul 2024 14:52

[chaimoigen wrote on 18 Jul 2024 01:52:](#)

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology

Posted by thompson - 19 Jul 2024 17:42

With many thanks to the Almighty for helping me stay sober another week and giving me an easier last day and a half, I close the tab for this work week (literally and figuratively).

Shabbat Shalom, friends, strangers, and those in between.

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by thompson - 22 Jul 2024 13:44

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Posted by proudyungerman - 22 Jul 2024 13:57

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As your fellow partner in crime, Thomson (without a "P"), you can always count on me.

Warning: Spoiler!

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by yiftach - 22 Jul 2024 14:00

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by proudyungerman - 22 Jul 2024 14:09

[yiftach wrote on 22 Jul 2024 14:00:](#)

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by iyh2023 - 22 Jul 2024 17:12

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Checking back in. Tis hopefully gonna be a good week, grizzled or not.

I'm not sure I understand what you mean when you say you got nothing. It's a pleasure to hold your hand (in a wholly platonic way, of course).

Last night I felt some urges that I thankfully haven't felt in a while and I realized that (SURPRISE!) it may just happen to coincide "coincidentally" with the fact that I have been absent from these hallowed forums as of late. Weathered the storm, BH, but coming back for the bourbon and company.

Blantons, Michters, or bust, anyhow. I haven't been enjoying Woodford as of late.

Wine is my drug of choice, actually, letztins.

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by thompson - 23 Jul 2024 14:51

Question: How does one rate the intensity of a setback?

Is it based on how good it felt? How bad I felt afterwards? How soon thereafter I did it again? A combination of the above?

In any case, let's pick up where we left off.

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by yiftach - 23 Jul 2024 15:02

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Posted by BenHashemBH - 23 Jul 2024 15:16

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"To be precise, that's my opinion, and I agree"

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by chaimoigen - 23 Jul 2024 16:18

Besides agreeing with the above from Yiftach, I think that you've raised a few important points in your post.

Change happens gradually.

If you repeat a certain behaviour but the way you **experienced it** is different; if you **enjoyed** it less, and if you find that you have have an easier time getting up on your feet- that's genuine growth and change. it's precious.

This awareness doesn't mitigate the responsibility for a setback, but ought to be encouraging and empowering nevertheless.

It comes with a free tank of truckers high-octane 18 wheeler jet fuel.

Keep going!!

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by inittowin - 23 Jul 2024 16:21

First time post here, couldn't help but get in on the action especially considering the fact that by 'mere coincidence'(do you believe in coincidence?? I certainly don't), my name happens to be INITTowIN!!!!!!

Love the joie de vivre on this thread!!

(Bowler) Hats off to you my dear Thompson. Keep it comin'

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Re: Thompson, with a 'P', as in psychology
Posted by thompson - 30 Jul 2024 16:13

Failure.

What a scary word.

Unlike kryptonite, which Superman can choose to avoid, failure is an integral part of life. It's like

a heel to Achilles. It's always there. It has to.

The problem is that I don't know how to deal with it. As long as things go well, I'm in. Once there's a dark chapter, I write the rest of the story in that shade. The rationale is that if I stay like this, I won't fail my previous endeavor but simply shift strategies.

I came here two years ago full of ambition and zest, got over 100 days clean, and failed.

I got back up, and after two weeks, I failed again. Instead of coming here and admitting my failure, the rationalizations kicked in.

I started climbing many times, announcing my new expeditions only once I had enough days and hubris, and failed every time.

Then I decided this whole shpiel was not worth its bandwidth and gained infamy for my darkness and cynicism. I even changed my username to match this persona. I did not fail at that one and enjoyed it, but I felt empty inside.

I deleted my account. To hell with you and yours.

One day, I got this fantastic idea: Now that the old me is dead, I can open a new account with a new character and have a fresh start. Nobody needs to be the wiser. Awesome. Fantabulous.

I started again, this time with fervor and passion.

It lasted for about three weeks, then I failed. I haven't been active since.

Why?

Because it's the same old me writing these words, new username and profile picture notwithstanding.

I'm the same loser who's afraid of losing.

So, I failed.

Maybe if I write those words enough times, they'll lose their potency.

Question: Who thinks he has what it takes to respond with "You didn't fail! Every clean day is saved in Shomayim!" or "Don't call yourself a loser!" etc.?

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