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Posted by empoweredowl90 - 16 Sep 2024 16:56

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whishing everyone hatzlacha From a struggling Bochur.

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Re: my struggle

Posted by truthaintflashy - 16 Sep 2024 17:07

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(www.sefaria.org/Yoma.38b.16?lang=bi&with=all&lang2=en)

Beloved mashal, first read it in Likutei Moharan I:6. Perhaps now that you've joined forces with GYE, where others can share in your success, the waiting is over. (though that doesn't mean the work is over)

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Re: my struggle
Posted by eerie - 16 Sep 2024 17:10

OUCH! Even after reading so many stories so much like yours, it still hurts to read. My friend, stick around! There is so much to gain here, but at the core of it all is HOPE. So many of us have come here in situations similar to yours, and we have learned how to beat this monster. Read some threads, check out the F2F program, and beH you'll soon learn the power that lies in this place.

Looking forward to seeing you trucking!

Eerie

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Re: my struggle
Posted by empoweredowl90 - 16 Sep 2024 17:27

Thanks for the replay, will
definitely check it out.

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Re: my struggle

Posted by vehkam - 16 Sep 2024 17:51

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you did not get refused. very often, people in your circumstances pasken for themselves that they are a rasha. This is a trick out of the yetzer hara's playbook and it is not true at all. As soon as you recognize in yourself that you are really a mevakesh to do ratzon hashem despite your perceived failings, it will become much easier to connect to hashem and resist this yetzer hara.

wishing you tremendous hatzlocha

vehkam

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Re: my struggle

Posted by bright - 16 Sep 2024 18:02

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We will all tell you your not a rasha. dont think youll believe us. Reach out to HHM

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Re: my struggle

Posted by chosemyshem - 16 Sep 2024 18:18

[empoweredowl90 wrote on 16 Sep 2024 16:56:](#)

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Hey welcome!

Coming to purify oneself doesn't necessarily mean getting filters and throwing out devices. That's a good thing, but tahara means returning to Hashem. Throwing out devices and demanding G-d remove your yetzer hara is not that. (Check out [this post](#) and the replies for a similar discussion on why our tefillos are unanswered).

That's assuming you're right that Hashem didn't help you. I'm inclined to bet you were just not expecting the help you got. Regardless of what happened, right now is a chance to move forward. Hatzlacha!

Stick around. Learn how to fight with chachma and I have no doubts you'll see immense siyatta dishmaya.

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Re: my struggle

Posted by yitzchokm - 16 Sep 2024 19:22

Welcome to GYE. Do the F2F program and you will find ways to win this battle. You haven't yet learned the right techniques to win but as you go through the program you will find the help from Hashem that you are seeking. It is also worth reading the book The Battle of the Generation which many on GYE are regularly reading. You can access the book here:

<https://guardyoureyes.com/ebooks/item/the-battle-of-the-generation>

There is a download button for a pdf of the book at the bottom of the page if you prefer that over the audiobook.

Keep on posting and sharing, read some threads and make friends.

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Re: my struggle

Posted by yiftach - 16 Sep 2024 22:45

Welcome!

Your contradictory feelings of how you view yourself and how others viewed you, are very relatable. However, I got to learn that the way I viewed myself, wasn't the real me. It was the wrong actions that I took, but they don't have to define me as a person. And by working through those challenges, you'll eventually be able to embrace your true self along with all the great accomplishments you made in other fields beyond the battle.

Kol yom bas kol yotzeis mehar chorev... Hakadosh Baruch Hu never gives up on us. We might interpret it as rejection, but he's still waiting for us to give it another sincere shot. It's hard work, but His door remains open.

Wishing you much hatzlacha on your journey, and yes, this might just be the end of the road!

- Yiftach'I

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Re: my struggle

Posted by BenHashemBH - 17 Sep 2024 15:00

Shalom Brother and welcome!

I read your post yesterday and thought of you while saying ????????

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If your ?????? is to get close to Hashem, truly, then ?????? ?' ?????? ?????????? ?????? ?????? ?????????????? ?????????? - Hashem is near to all who call Him, to all who call Him with sincerity. So how can it be that we get rejected?!

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The reason that Hashem doesn't give us what we want is because He is righteous and kind. What he gives us is better than what we want. The way he gives it to us is better than how we wanted it.

We don't stumble through life, tripping and falling purely out of *metzius*. All of our challenges are for our ultimate betterment. If we seek to overcome a challenge and are met with resistance, then that can mean we have more potential for growth in this area.

A teacher will apply extra pressure to the student that has the highest potential, because this is what will bring out his latent talent and give him the chance to shine. It is Hashem's kindness

that he does not let our opportunity to achieve greatness go to waste.

Hashem loves you. He loves you to bits. He's not rejecting you or your efforts CV. He's telling you that you are special and that there is a level that you haven't gotten to yet. He wants you to reach higher and knows that you are capable of getting there. Hashem doesn't want you to walk easily through life and never recognize that with some additional effort, you could have learned how to run.

A coal can't become a diamond without applying a lot of pressure. Stay strong, keep trying, and you will emerge precious and brilliant.

?Hatzlacha

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Re: my struggle

Posted by BenHashemBH - 19 Sep 2024 12:58

Hashgacha, I learned this last night.

If you have a chance, check out Alei Shor cheilek sheini (perek shevii - kas or savlanus) page 217, the 2nd to last paragraph.

He talks about exactly this - feelings of resentment towards Hashem because we tried to do something good and didn't see siyata diShmaya.

Kol Tov

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Re: my struggle

Posted by empoweredowl90 - 23 Sep 2024 02:03

I want to first and foremost thank all the Chevra for responding. The past week has been very rough for me really sinking low to the shmutts of the internet. That being said I'm not throwing in the towel like i have sadly done in the past.Im gonna go strong and with hashems help get my goal that i have been dreaming about for years of 90 days(my personal best is 45 days).Thank hashem today is day 1.

I will keep you guys updated.Im looking forward to hearing from you guys!

From a slightly less struggling Bochor.

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Re: my struggle

Posted by empoweredowl90 - 24 Sep 2024 02:36

Hi,just an update today is day 2 Tg.

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Re: my struggle

Posted by odyossefchai - 24 Sep 2024 03:00

[empoweredowl90 wrote on 24 Sep 2024 02:36:](#)

Hi,just an update today is day 2 Tg.

Hi, I feel your pain!

I started a thread called 'Its not fair!' I asked there a very similar question!

If you want to read it and cry with me, go right ahead.

I didn't necessarily get any answers but it may take years to get an answer.

I learned many years ago, that whenever you are learning a sugya or come across a rashi and you don't understand it, put it in the back of your mind, and over the years you will get answers to these questions.

I have dozens of hashkafa questions that approximately once a year, I'll clap my hands really loudly in the car and say 'YES'. The wife wants to know what's going on and I tell her, "I just thought of an answer to the question on why rashi in kedoshim says.....now it makes sense"

There's nothing wrong with having a question.

Move on in life and who knows if you will one day maybe find an answer to your question.

But don't let it stop you from SHTEIGING!!!!

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Re: my struggle

Posted by empoweredowl90 - 25 Sep 2024 03:07

I hear where you are coming from, but it is so hard to fight every day, when you have questions/doubts. Today is day 3 thanks so much!!!

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