15+ years? Posted by Yitzhar - 15 Feb 2013 15:49

Can't find the posting now but someone said they've been clean for 15+ years.

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Hard for me to imagine at this point.

What I don't understand is that if you have gotten to this amazing point, why are you still here? And not only here, but here so much (you're an administrator). Do you still struggle with this, or are you here totally out of chessed to your brothers in need? I mean, after 15 years (or 5?) doesn't a person get to the point where he can move on and spend his time in other ways? Or is shmiras eynayim/bris ALWAYS a challenge that will never go away? How discouraging.

Re: 15+ years? Posted by jack - 15 Feb 2013 18:59

now, i'm not the one to whom you asked this question.so dov, pardon me if i give my 2 cents.i just feel i HAVE to say my feelings. of course dov will have to answer for himself and tell me if i'm wrong.

ONCE AN ADDICT, always an addict.it might be discouraging, but them's the facts.r' guard tells the story of someone who was clean for 20 years, yes, twenty, and fell back in.it's like living with diabetes - you just have to know how to control it.

am i right dov?

p.s. you may ask: how can i have the chutspah to answer a question that was not directed towards me? the answer is that the gemara says that in the times of mashiach, chutspah will increase, so i'm just trying to bring the mashiach closer....

Re: 15+ years? Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 15 Feb 2013 20:40

here's my mashiach-effort:

http://guardyoureyes.com/forum/4-Wall-of-Honor/148784-My-Journey-(back-tomyself)?limit=15&start=30#201719

Re: 15+ years? Posted by me3 - 18 Feb 2013 01:27

Or in short, the 12th step is to help others recover.

Re: 15+ years? Posted by Yitzhar - 21 Feb 2013 12:36

Oh. Of course. I get it. Thanks.

Re: 15+ years? Posted by moish u.k. - 21 Feb 2013 15:44

I've known about the 12 steps for 6 years now, but still can't seem to "get" it.

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Re: 15+ years? Posted by some_guy - 17 Apr 2013 04:32

I feel like that to. I read it and feel like I don't take anything away. It may be more helpful if someone were to give examples of how to do each step.