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Posted by anonymous_14.1 - 29 Jul 2017 20:17

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You owe it to yourself and the people close to you to take care of yourself so that both can live the best possible life.

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To give up on so much for a few moments of cheap, fake pleasure that the body can (and wants to) do without. The mind cannot defend this. You become irresponsible, you lose self-esteem , health. It causes weaknesses of character.

If it is such an obviously negative action that can cause much destruction why do we continue?!?

The answer: it is very difficult, uncomfortable, and painful to quit. A person who forms these strong negative habits can find it next to impossible to quit.

The Talmud gave the solution to this problem:

Talmud Kidushin 30b. Even so did the Holy One, blessed be He, speak unto Israel: 'My children! I created the Evil Desire, but I [also] created the Torah, as its antidote; if you occupy yourselves with the Torah, you will not be delivered into his hand.'

Gazing at immodest internet is really an expression of the evil inclination which we all have . One whose heart and mind are occupied with Torah and wisdom has protection from the evil inclination.

The Rambam wrote that the way to acquire a habit is to repeat and the repeat the action over and over again. Studying Torah daily is way of both acquiring the habit of daily Torah study and distancing oneself from the terrible and damaging habit of immodest internet.

Every new thing you want to do , grow into or out off, requires effort: it can be difficult. At the same time we all have to do it many times during our lives.

Rabbi Noach Weinberg obm gives the example of children first learning to ride a bike. Most do not think they can do it but in the end most do. Learn from children.

A good attitude to have is to pretend you are preparing for a marathon. Live with the mentality of a person excited, disciplined, not too lazy or comfortable. A person that is determined to run this race.

Even if you do not succeed, it is still a success. Children that learn to ride bicycles do not succeed the first time , or the second time. They fall off quite a bit , and learn from each fall. Eventually they do succeed.

Proverbs 3:18 It is a tree of life for those who grasp it, and those who draw near it are fortunate.

Once you finally succeed your gain will have been infinite. Infinite because this is the distance

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Would you be willing to have a chavrusa with me on the phone so that I can learn more and then avoid the internet?

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Re: Stop immodest internet
Posted by fresh start - 30 Jul 2017 17:43

WG! This is the solution!!

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Re: Stop immodest internet
Posted by Old Timer - 30 Jul 2017 18:16

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Re: Stop immodest internet
Posted by FryGuy - 03 Nov 2017 16:28

So what you're saying is that even with all the 12 step programs if you dont put in any effort (ie learn torah)on your own then you'll never overcome your addiction?

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Posted by byebye - 11 Jun 2018 15:43

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wow, i wonder how they got rid of it w/o 12 steps, really, it would be a big help for all of us non 12 steppers.

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Re: Stop immodest internet
Posted by mzl - 11 Jun 2018 16:10

I found an answer to this machlokes for myself. Hashem gave us nezirus for those that can't handle certain temptations. It seems to me that a) it's about wine but it obviously can be applied to other desires as well, b) the Torah clearly draws a line between those that get over their problem in a month and the people who have a lifelong problem, and c) the Torah solved the problem of shame by obligating the nazir to grow his hair so that everyone will see what he is. And there are fascinating details about this mitzvah that make it all work out for the poor guy who has the problem.

Today the minhag is not to make a neder. But B"H we have an effective substitute, namely the support group.

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