

Dov Quotes

Posted by gibbor120 - 03 Nov 2011 14:42

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Dear fellow GYEers,

Dov has some great posts, and it's hard to go around finding them when you need them. I started to gather them under my "links" thread, but today I finally reached the max for the length of one post. (Apparently, the limit is 50,000 characters.)

I think it makes sense to start a thread dedicated to those dov posts which many of us find so powerful. I would appreciate if we could keep this thread free of other stuff so as not to dilute it.

I suppose we could also discuss dov's posts here, but refrain from shmoozing about cholint, monster trucking, possums... The forum has special and fun places to discuss all that stuff.

P.S. I Just added a dov quotes thread to the [Married Section](#).

I think the need for an index is loooong overdue. So.... without further ado:

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Re: Dov Quotes

Posted by Dov - 27 Jun 2019 21:42

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...or is there anybody here who will come forward and admit that they are actually trying to better *apply* these ideas to work with an addict/themselves?

Thanks for your openness and honesty, either way.

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Re: Dov Quotes

Posted by cordnoy - 27 Jun 2019 22:45

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I certainly do not belong to the former; perhaps, by some mistake, I can be included in the latter.

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Re: Dov Quotes

Posted by GrowStrong - 28 Jun 2019 09:28

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I like knaidle, lokshen and porogen.



But i love Dov

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Re: Dov Quotes

Posted by Markz - 28 Jun 2019 20:18

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#1. That's not my interest.

#2. No I'm not actively working on myself. I'm in a good place these past weeks, but not fully. Unmanageable life is what I feel often almost at the brink of, although BH generally I'm able to keep the distance.

People are different.

Some are addicts some aren't but there's a broad line in between.

Before you join the soup, remember that there's a whole variety of soup being offered. Chicken

soup, vegetable soup etc etc

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Posted by Hakolhevel - 01 Jul 2019 04:01

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#1 It is my interest, I do like a good discussion, however I do prefer if... (See number 2)

#2 The answer/explanation will not just be theoretical in nature ( this is an addict, this is not an addict...) But rather of practical ideas and thoughts what to do if one is one or other.

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Re: Dov Quotes

Posted by higher - 02 Jul 2019 04:47

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Personally ill let dov talk for himself and explain what he himself says and means, im not going to bother throwing in my two cents there. that is of course, if dov is even going to "join the soup".

i will say this. many of us on gye that dont consider ourselves in a situation that we would, say, go to sa. or even be busy with the 12 steps at all. And we have gotten advice from those that do that is extreme. (usually involving intense giving zero taking during sex with wife and defining sex as a "need" or not.) there are many here based on my conversations that know EXACTLY what im talking about, so at least im talking to them. you call it what you want, addict, non addict, wtvr. )

but for some odd reason there is a trend.

and you can sniff it out pretty quickly.

and maybe there are those that will say i dont know what im talking about, but for whatever funny explanation-there are many on gye that relate to this.

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Re: Dov Quotes

Posted by higher - 02 Jul 2019 05:32

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could be relevant, i dont apologize if its not.

there are those on this sight that through thier many falls have had thier lives so turned upside down that they are ready, willing and able to take on practices and beliefs that others that have not fallen so much (quality and quantity) consider (and rightfully so for them), to be extreme.

an example could be an extreme degree of giving and not taking in the bedroom. another example is how to define sex in terms of being a need (no, i dont mean if you will physically drop dead or not)

perhaps its a mistake, but i believe that this is a line on which some on this site (myself included) draw a line and code word "addicts" and place them on one side (the "extreme" one) and non addicts on the other side.

i believe there are those that will argue with this post and make all sorts of fine inferences in the wording.

they are missing the point.

the practical outcome still remains.

peace out.

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Re: Dov Quotes  
Posted by eved41 - 19 Nov 2020 14:21

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This is a great thread.

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Re: Dov Quotes  
Posted by Markz - 03 Dec 2020 02:31

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[eved41 wrote on 19 Nov 2020 14:21:](#)

This is a great thread.

Yeah.

GIBBOR WITH THE DUMBELLS, WE NEED SOME NEW HEAVY WEIGHT DOV POSTS!

Are you in a red zone that closed the gyms? Well then you should sue, because this is definitely an essential service and they have no right.

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Re: Dov Quotes  
Posted by Dov - 03 Dec 2020 02:41

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Thanks so much. Because of this material, I've had the privilege of speaking to 4-5 new guys a week by phone, through GYE or SA connections. People call because writing back and forth behind usernames just doesn't cut it for people with a serious problem. Since I'm an addict in recovery, I understand and have no shame about being honest with another serious person and bH there are many.

So if anybody enjoys this thread and thinks they might benefit from discussing their own situation in light of anything mentioned here, you are welcome to call me at 917-414-8205

Hatzlocha and have a good day!

Dov

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Re: Dov Quotes

Posted by eved41 - 16 May 2022 22:28

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