

If I can, anyone can...

Posted by RoshYeshivasSon - 20 Aug 2013 18:03

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Long-time addict, have barely gone a day in 15 years without masturbating. I have only had one 35-day stretch a couple of years ago, and there is no reason I cannot at least replicate that streak, right? I don't know if I can, though; the emotional pain of trying again is almost too much to bear...but I have to try for the sake of my wife and children. If I can do this, virtually anyone can, but I don't know if I can. Anyway, today is my first day, Tuesday, August 20, 2013.

P.S. My screen name is true, but I won't give any more details for obvious reasons.

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Re: If I can, anyone can...

Posted by inastruggle - 13 Sep 2013 07:57

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5 seconds once a lifetime can do a lot of damage

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Re: If I can, anyone can...

Posted by tehylimzugger - 13 Sep 2013 14:53

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I meant that I can't watch for only five secs, and that it doesn't relax me but sets off adrenalin, that's all

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Re: If I can, anyone can...

Posted by moish u.k. - 13 Sep 2013 14:58

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It does relax me, for those few moments. But the price is too high

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Re: If I can, anyone can...

Posted by RoshYeshivasSon - 13 Sep 2013 17:55

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Re: If I can, anyone can...

Posted by Dr.Watson - 13 Sep 2013 18:45

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I often feel a compulsion to look at some pictures. Sometimes I don't even have any particular urge or lust for it, I just have to look, it's like I'm not in control of my hands when I type it in. It's a very hard habit to break.

Same thing with masturbation, I find I have a need to do it even if I don't have any particular lust to dispel. I sometimes start doing in on autopilot and only realise I've started after a few seconds.

Well, not today I didn't. yay!

RYS, are you saying your problem is masturbation not so much porn? Is that what you mean by 'pressure down there'

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Re: If I can, anyone can...

Posted by RoshYeshivasSon - 16 Sep 2013 01:47

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Yes!

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Re: If I can, anyone can...

Posted by moish u.k. - 17 Sep 2013 14:34

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[RoshYeshivasSon wrote:](#)

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Absolutely. My problem is the void that i feel, and i have been trying to fill that void with lust.

Lust was the answer, not the problem.

Thank G-d, today i choose to fill that void with spirituality, with the help of the 12 step program.

In the book Alcoholics Anonymous it describes that "itch" as "restless, irritable and discontent...".

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Re: If I can, anyone can...

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Posted by RoshYeshivasSon - 17 Sep 2013 18:23

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happy sukkot!

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Re: If I can, anyone can...

Posted by cordnoy - 22 Oct 2014 18:29

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Re: If I can, anyone can...

Posted by Helpmrstop22 - 22 Oct 2014 18:35

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[RoshYeshivasSon wrote:](#)

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yup! You took the words out of my mouth.

But its the y'h putting it in our brains that its an itch we gotta scratch. In reality we really have the power with lots of work to control the itch.

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Re: If I can, anyone can...

Posted by ineedchizuk - 22 Oct 2014 21:18

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My experience is very similar.

I sometimes find myself thinking lustful thoughts, or wanting to look at inappropriate things, which of course leads to acting out, but usually it's this pull to just do it to get it over with. And if that includes getting 'worked up' first, then that's a part of it.

I call it yiush. Meaning, I won't control myself forever (says who?), so why not get it over with now, then I'll be calmer?

But yes, I can also see it as too much pressure to humanly handle.

One Moment At A Time works wonders, at least for me. It's not easy, but it helps take off the imagined pressure, the false prophecy that I cant/won't be able to fight it. By really working on THIS moment, past and future don't exist to bring me down- at least not for that moment!

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