

Just Starting

Posted by chizukconstant - 20 Dec 2016 17:43

Starting 90 Days today.

Really don't want to.. I'd much rather just stop.. but that doesn't seem to be happening.

Been trying to long.. its time to try something new. So here we go.

Sometimes I just can't believe it has come to this..

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Re: Just Starting

Posted by Singularity - 02 Mar 2017 15:33

[Markz wrote on 02 Mar 2017 15:08:](#)

[chizukconstant wrote on 02 Mar 2017 14:55:](#)

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Confused but honest. There are many on this site that haven't reached the confused clarity you have

It can be a stepping stone forward if you're interested in making that move - whenever you're ready

Yes. Very nice.

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Re: Just Starting

Posted by chizukconstant - 03 Mar 2017 15:34

I dont know how you do it? I just want to give in. I know in the long run I need to stop but right now I don't want to. It sounds childish but how do you not do something that you are able to do and want to do? What is stopping me from doing it?

Just myself.. and myself wants to do it..

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Re: Just Starting

Posted by cordnoy - 03 Mar 2017 17:29

A lot of stuff you said mirror big breakthroughs I've made. So now it's your turn

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I wear my sunglasses at night.

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Re: Just Starting

Posted by tiger - 03 Mar 2017 19:34

Sounds like chizukconstant is having a hard time remembering and realizing what smutz does

to a person!!

I understand that do as I also struggle with remembering once you are triggered!!

I think as somebody who enjoys p... Etc.it is very hard to tell yourself this is not good for me, because smutz in itself once you are exposed and get used to it you cannot just tell yourself hey this stuff is not good,

It's only when you truly give yourself over to hashem and let him lead that you can start saying things like "hashem I want this smutz thing I want to screw the world and my family I don't care about them it's only about me now I want to enjoy myself and have a good time ,when I realize that I am a selfish brat then I can say hashem please remove this from me , and your body will say nooooo,and you will feel like your dying if you don't do it..... But you are trusting God that he said smutz is not good for me and he wants what is best for me and even if I don't agree with him now that's fine I trust that he wants what's best for me!

It's not about stoping to enjoy naked girls, be my guest and continue enjoying it, I know God says we can't do it but we think we know better then him anyways,right???

When will we start believing that God wants what's best for us???? Instead we look at God like he limits us, why can't I look at that girl,we ask??

This is not emunah this is coming to realize that I need to do God's will becouse if I do my will I screw it up!

Hope I was clear in writing this message

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Posted by Workingguy - 03 Mar 2017 21:59

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It's a tough one. Because it's enjoyable and we're wired to be attracted to this stuff, and it's hard to think yourself out of it.

When I've had success isbwhen I was able to live with both realizing heck yeah, I'd love to see it, but heck no, I really don't want to act out, so I guess I'm not going to see it bc those two don't go together.

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Posted by Watson - 04 Mar 2017 21:28

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I've had the exact same thoughts many times. I want to be sober but I also want to enjoy porn.

I spent years trying to control and enjoy lust without losing my sobriety. I felt that the problem was masturbation to completion. That was what was clearly written about in halocho. Anything less than that was not smart because because it led to masturbation, but if I could do it and get away with it, that was great.

So I would use lust to enjoy myself but try to force myself to not masturbate to completion. Anything less than that was OK in my eyes. Not smart, but not a fall, who was I hurting? Of course I always fell in the end, and always wondered why.

I have to realise that for me it's not the porn that's the problem, or the masturbation. It's the lust. The fantasy. Objectifying women I see. Imagining them naked. Wanting them. When I start that it makes me feel so uncomfortable because the more I do it the more I need a release. So of

course I'll end up back watching porn eventually. Of course I'll end up touching myself 'a little too long', then thumping the table in anger "how could it have happened again!"

I've found that stress was a trigger to act out. Then I found that the feeling of stress being resolved was a trigger. Sadness was a trigger, so was happiness. Getting money, losing money. Having a late night, having a early night, etc etc.

The problem is not in the externals. It's not in my circumstances. It's in me.

Sure, learning how to cope with stress is useful. But some stress is unavoidable and will always be a potential trigger. As will smooth sailing, anger, resentments, fear, hunger. Anything. There's no point for me running away from triggers. Every aspect of life can be a trigger.

So the real question is as you so wonderfully put it. Why should I stop watching porn if I enjoy it?

Do you though? Is it still fun?

For me, watching porn is being in a very dark place. As soon as I turn it on I feel the darkness close in. I can't see anything on the other side of the darkness. I feel panic, fear, hopelessness. I need to watch the porn to numb myself from the horrible feelings caused by watching porn. It's not fun anymore, it's horrible.

Amazingly, when I give it up, not just the porn but all the lust - the fantasies, the looking at the women around me, the thinking about what it would be like, I feel fine. It's fine. There's no desperation to find porn, I'm not even fighting myself or using self-control, I just feel fine and serene. And I don't have to count days anymore, it's become irrelevant. I'm not holding on until the next relapse. All that's important is to be lust-free today.

G-d makes that possible. When I ask Him to remove my lust He's willing and able to do so. All I need to do is be willing to let Him take it away completely, no strings attached. Asking Him to take the porn while I hold onto the lust doesn't work. Half measures avail nothing. But when I

allow Him to take all the lust, life becomes so much more wonderful and peaceful.

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Re: Just Starting

Posted by chizukconstant - 07 Mar 2017 18:26

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Re: Just Starting

Posted by annon12345 - 07 Mar 2017 21:47

:-) today is another day,... dust yourself off and start the next streak :-D

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Posted by cordnoy - 07 Mar 2017 23:43

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No need to answer, but perhaps the thoughts will help you/me/us.

Nice to hear that you are not givin' up.

Wishin' you hatzlachah

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Re: Just Starting

Posted by chizukconstant - 08 Mar 2017 18:41

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Posted by anon12345 - 08 Mar 2017 19:24

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I made it to three days. I find that the first 3 are the hardest by far. It is so easy for one slip to just lead into the next. After that I sort of get used to it. The problem is that then my guard goes down and the YH catches me at the wrong moment and gets me to fall. Its hard to stay the same focused for a few days/weeks when you arent feeling that guilt anymore.

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