Work in progress Posted by Vehkam - 02 Jan 2022 18:43

Trying to post here on a somewhat regular basis so that I stay on course. I have to rewire my thinking patterns of over thirty years! I set the counter to the last date that I fell in masturbation. I have been able to stay away from other things for longer. I thank hashem for his kindness in helping me to this point.

this shabbos I was in Florida. Obviously there are a lot more nisyonos. I definitely was more successful than other times in not following my eyes and gazing with the help of GYE. (Not to say that I was successful in every instance- at some point my feet just took me in the wrong direction even though my mind was saying- STOP!)

One thing that helped me alot was a shiur I heard recently that describes the power of a tefila that one has immediately after he withstands a nisayon. When I feel a possible weakness to a temptation, I quickly resolve to turn away and then I immediately daven for something that is very important to me. Each small victory is another tefila. I don't want these nisyonos, but if they are coming anyway at least I have the opportunity to use them for something very meaningful.

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Re: Work in progress Posted by Hashem Help Me - 03 Jan 2022 12:14

Posting regularly is very wise. It keeps us focused and connected with the chevra here. It also gives us the opportunity to inspire others. Hatzlocha.

Re: Work in progress Posted by Vehkam - 09 Jan 2022 14:30

Bh. It's 70 days since I committed to stay off of prngrafic websites. I feel truly blessed that hashem has made this relatively nisayon free and daven that it continues that way.

It takes a long time to rewire 30 years of the thinking but only a second to turn towards the right direction!

Re: Work in progress Posted by Hashem Help Me - 09 Jan 2022 20:45

Keep it up tzaddik!

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Re: Work in progress Posted by Vehkam - 09 Jan 2022 23:16

Thank you. Each comment means a lot to me.

Re: Work in progress Posted by omoH - 10 Jan 2022 03:26

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sounds beautiful cannot wait to try it thank you for sharing

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Re: Work in progress Posted by Vehkam - 17 Jan 2022 22:10

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working with a therapist to build on this success. I am very thankful but also slightly confused because Bh I have not had any strong taivos. I know that this is a gift from Hashem. In the back of my mind I am worried about what will happen when I am tested... hopefully by then I will have some strong gedarim in place. Have any of you seen similar success in your initial battle? I am wondering if my age is a factor here...I feel like it's now or never for this fight.

Re: Work in progress Posted by omoH - 18 Jan 2022 13:48

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no what your experiencing is so so normal IT IS EASY good for you! you are no longer a user check it out <u>easypeasymethod.org/easypeasy.pdf</u>

Re: Work in progress Posted by Vehkam - 28 Jan 2022 04:40

Tomorrow is 90 days since I committed to clean up my life. Bh I have not watched or seen anything prngrphic. I have not fantasized and have tried hard to redirect my thoughts. If I have time I will buy myself an ice cream tomorrow!

Re: Work in progress Posted by Hashem Help Me - 03 Feb 2022 22:55 You are a hero!

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Re: Work in progress Posted by Vehkam - 03 Feb 2022 23:45

Wasn't sure where to post this question-

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Re: Work in progress Posted by Hashem Help Me - 04 Feb 2022 12:26

Great idea if all the guys coming you can assume have been exposed. Obviously if a real temimusdik guy will be there you may be opening a Pandora's box - and yes there still are such guys around.

If the crowd is an exposed crowd you are doing a great thing - i assume many of them are looking for chizuk, help, advice, and simply were too embarassed or didn't know where to turn. You are being *mezakeh es ha'rabim!*

Re: Work in progress Posted by DavidT - 04 Feb 2022 14:53

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The book The Battle of the Generation is written in a very careful & sensitive way. It does not mention any explicit terms and it's safe even for people that were not exposed. You will have a great mitzvah and zechus if other people start being more careful with shmiras einayim this is a classic case of *mezakeh es ha'rabim*!

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Re: Work in progress Posted by Vehkam - 04 Feb 2022 18:56

Thanks. I will definitely leave it around also just picked up a copy of a new Siddur by Rabbi Feigenbaum. I only read the introduction so far but it looks like it will be amazing for people who have a hard time connecting to davening.

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Re: Work in progress Posted by DavidT - 06 Feb 2022 16:59

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Following up...

How was Shabbos? Did you end up leaving the book around? Any reactions?

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