

Can I go 90 days without porn, let's find out
Posted by ILAHCFM - 16 Nov 2022 10:46

Hello to you all

I want to see if can do 90 days without porn or at least very little porn.

I want to make it clear that I'm not talking about quitting masturbating. That's gonna be a separate fight. The porn issue is much more important. My therapist has stressed to me how important it is to quit porn even if I wasn't Jewish.

My original post was [here](#)

My new meds are helping - i have been around 17 days without porn, without being suicidal or severe emotional flashbacks. Or even wanting to watch porn.

I know it's gonna be a struggle, especially since I have to keep myself busy as I ain't working alot. I have too much free time. If I could work more, I would. Also I have an unfiltered device due to needing porn if I get suicidal thoughts/[emotional flashbacks](#). (I do have something similar to a Taphsic, but it has a release clause if I get suicidal thoughts or I am in a severe emotional flashback).

Thankfully the new meds are helping with those issues, but it is too early for me to feel it is safe to have filter on my device.

I hope to post here how my 90 days are going

90% of my porn watching is due to extreme emotional pain, very little of my porn watching is due to enjoyment. I don't really have much enjoyment of most things, due to emotional blunting/anhedonia caused by med/trauma I went through. The more I heal, the safer my body feels, the more my enjoyment levels return somewhat

if anyone on this forum went through emotional blunting or anhedonia and would be able to be there for me as I go through it, please message me

I'll keep you all posted.

Day 17 - going strong so far

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Re: Can I go 90 days without porn, let's find out
Posted by Human being - 16 Nov 2022 20:41

You inspire me brother!! Ill be following every word! Hugs hugs and hugs! And remember its about the long term, not about freaking out about every slip. Looking forward to following your journey!

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Re: Can I go 90 days without porn, let's find out
Posted by ILAHCFM - 21 Nov 2022 22:24

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Sunday i was super angry, don't know what triggered it. Blew up verbally at a family member I don't get along with with - I try not to talk to them. Blowing up just made me angrier Sunday night was horrible as I was still angry and anxious and I tried to learn with my chavrusa but my brain was on zero. I was angry at G-d that I'm trying to learn, I walked 20mins in a crazy mood to learn and you won't even let me learn cause you've put my brainpower at zero. I hate you even more. This morning was angry till I ended up doing some EMDR for the anger, for just a few mins and calmed down pretty quickly. Then after a few hours my meds kicked in and the rest of the day was amazing.

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Re: Can I go 90 days without porn, let's find out
Posted by ILAHCFM - 28 Dec 2022 19:30

I got to 56days. Last night/today I fell and watched porn a few times.

My anxiety has been extra high the last week and I've been off work due to the holidays. When my anxiety is high, all my usual ways of keeping myself busy or distracting myself, don't work as my anxiety can be overwhelming/debilitating and "override" the distractions. I was watching porn just to "get out of the world" and forget that I have anxiety as my anxiety feels debilitating - I'm struggling to go on a walk, go shopping, I go but it's painful due to the anxiety. Even watching movies is a struggle due to the current anxiety... I know people will find it difficult to believe but there was very little enjoyment in watching porn for me, I would rate it 1/10, it's just the power porn has to make me forget I'm in a world going through so much pain, is the reason I watched porn. I'm on meds but they don't always work, some days meds are better than others.... It didn't help that besides no work, that my therapist is on holiday aswell... And I have a loophole in my "similar to Taphsic thing", that I took advantage of, I can't close the loophole as I need it when I'm in severe emotional flashbacks (my loophole is to message my therapist that it's off - gonna see in my next session if there is a way to close the loophole whilst keeping it open for emergencies i.e. only for severe emotional flashbacks). It's the same reason I don't have a filter as there are times when porn is a "lifesaver" (I've written about this in a diff thread)

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Re: Can I go 90 days without porn, let's find out
Posted by Human being - 28 Dec 2022 21:09

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Posted by ILAHCFM - 31 Dec 2022 20:46

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Posted by ILAHCFM - 31 Dec 2022 20:47

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I think if my therapist was in town and I had work instead of holidays, my anxiety would've been less severe or I would have been able to cope with it better, and less likely to fall.

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